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Proposed Constitutional Changes

III. Membership

I. Roster

- Original: The Honor Council shall have nine members during the fall term; two sophomores, three juniors and four seniors
- CHANGE: With the exception of the 2018-2019 school year which will mark a transition from the previous membership structure, the Honor Council shall have **thirteen members** during the fall term; **three sophomores, five juniors, and five seniors.**
- Original: A first year student shall join the Honor Council in January, bringing the interim and spring term membership to ten
- CHANGE: A first year student shall join the Honor Council in January, bringing the interim and spring term membership to **fourteen.**
- Original: A Faculty Observer, selected by the college Faculty, shall be a full member of the Honor Council except the Faculty Observer will have no voting rights.
- CHANGE: A Faculty **Advisor**, selected by the college Faculty, shall be a full member of the Honor Council except the Faculty **Advisor** will have no voting rights

II. X

III. X

IV. Regular Elections

- Original: Regular elections for one sophomore, one junior and one senior member shall be held during the spring term each year, with winners taking office the following fall term. Only students who are members of the same class as a candidate may vote for that candidate.
- CHANGE: Regular elections for **two rising sophomores and two rising juniors** shall be held during the spring term each year, with winners taking office the following fall term. Only students who are members of the same class as a candidate may vote for that candidate. During the 2018-2019 school year, a special election may be held to establish the new membership structure described in Article III, Sec I.

V. Original: The Faculty Observer (CHANGE: The Faculty Advisor)

- 1. Original: The College Faculty shall elect a Faculty Observer to the Honor Council
- 1. CHANGE: The College Faculty shall elect a Faculty **Advisor** to the Honor Council.

- 2. Original: The Faculty Observer is a full member of the Honor Council except the Faculty Observer will not have a vote in any matter coming before the Council.
- 2. CHANGE: The Faculty **Advisor** is a full member of the Honor Council except the Faculty **Advisor** will not have a vote in any matter coming before the Council
- 3. Original: The Faculty Observer shall receive notices of all meetings and hearings and may fully participate in all aspects hearings, including questioning witnesses and deliberating on findings and sanctions.
- 3: CHANGE: The Faculty **Advisor** shall receive notices of all meetings and hearings and may fully participate in all aspects of hearings, including questioning witnesses and deliberating on findings and sanctions.
- 4. Original: The Faculty Observer shall act as a liaison between the Honor Council and the College Faculty.
- 4. CHANGE: The Faculty **Advisor** shall act as a liaison between the Honor Council and the College Faculty.

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VIII. Guaranteed Rights

- 1. Rights of Implicated Students
- 2. Rights of Implicating Students
 - Original: With the exception of those college officials directly involved in handling appeals, the identity of the implicating student, or information that would reveal this identity, will not be shared with anyone outside the Honor Council without the permission of the implicating student.
 - CHANGE:
 - All reasonable steps, as codified in the Honor Council bylaws, will be taken to maintain the confidentiality of the implicating student throughout the investigation process and hearing. With the exception of those college officials directly involved in hearing procedures, including in-house counsel, the identity of any implicating student will not be shared with anyone outside the Honor Council without the permission of the implicating student. However, the Honor Council has a dual duty to serve both the implicated and implicating parties. While the Honor Council fully commits to protecting the confidentiality of the implicating party, it is also responsible for providing implicated students sufficient information to present a defense, which, depending on the circumstances of the potential violation, may provide the implicated student with adequate information to infer the identity of the implicating party. One example would be if the implicating and implicated students are the only people present in the

testing environment at the time of a possible Honor Code violation. In any event, the Honor Council will never explicitly reveal or confirm the identity of the implicating party.

- 3. Rights of Witnesses
- Original: With the exception of those college officials directly involved in handing appeals, the identity of any witness, or information that would reveal the identity of any witness, will not be shared with anyone outside the Honor Council without the permission of the witness.
- CHANGE: All reasonable steps will be taken to maintain the confidentiality of the witness throughout the investigation process and hearing, should one be held. With the exception of those college officials directly involved in hearing procedures, including in-house counsel, the identity of any witness will not be shared with anyone outside the Honor Council without the permission of the witness.

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XI. Amendments

- Original: Amendments to this constitution must arise from the student body. The student senate must pass, by a two-thirds vote of all senators, a resolution approving the exact wording of the proposed change. The same resolution must then be presented to the student body for its approval within three months of the senate action. Approval by the student body will be by a majority of those voting. Once approved by the student body the resolution must be passed by the Faculty at one of its regular meetings within six months of the student body action. Faculty passage will be by simple majority of those voting.
- CHANGE: Amendments to this constitution must arise from the student body. The student senate must pass, by a two-thirds vote of all senators, a resolution approving the exact wording of the proposed change. The same resolution must then be presented to the student body for its approval within **three months excluding the summer** of the senate action. Approval by the student body will be by a majority of those voting. Once approved by the student body the resolution must be passed by the Faculty at one of its regular meetings within **six months excluding the summer** by simple majority of those voting.