

FALL PLENARY 2017: VITAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS MEETING (VCAM)



Fall Plenary, October 8th, 2017

Fall 2017 Plenary Agenda

1. Moment of Silence
2. Overview of Agenda and Rules of Order
 - a. Read over Rules of Order and Agenda **(2 Minutes)**
 - b. Questions **(2 Minutes)**
 - c. Vote on Agenda and Rules of Order (Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority)
3. Resolution #1: Financial Aid Policy
 - a. Resolution Introduction **(5 Minutes)**
 - b. Question and Answer **(10 Minutes)**
 - c. Pro-Con Presentations **(10 Minutes)**
 - i. Response to Pro-Con Debate **(3 Minutes)**
 - d. Call For Friendly Amendments (Supported By Presenters and Approved by Chairs) **(5 Minutes)**
 - i. Presentation of Friendly Amendment **(2 Minutes)**
 - ii. Question and Answer **(3 Minutes)**
 - iii. Pro-Con Debate **(5 Minutes)**
 - iv. Vote on Friendly Amendment
 - e. Call for Unfriendly Amendments (75 Signatures Needed) **(5 Minutes)**
 - i. Presentation of Unfriendly Amendments **(2 minutes)**
 - ii. Question and Answer **(3 Minutes)**
 - iii. Pro-Con Debate **(5 Minutes)**
 - iv. Vote on Friendly Amendment
 - f. Moment of Silence
 - g. Vote on Final Resolution (Requires simple majority to pass)
4. Resolution #2: Collection: Day of Community Engagement
 - a. Procedures a - f same as above
 - b. Vote on Final Resolution (Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass)
5. Alcohol Policy Ratification
 - a. Presentation of Alcohol Policy by JSAPP Co-Heads **(3 Minutes)**
 - b. Question and Answer **(5 Minutes)**
 - c. Pro-Con Debate **(10 Minutes)**
 - i. Response to Pro-Con Debate **(Three Minutes)**
 - d. Vote on Ratification of Alcohol Policy (Requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass)
6. Final Moment of Silence

*** If there is a significant period of silence (one minute or longer) where no one approaches the mic, chairs may move forward with proceedings.**

RULES OF ORDER

1. **Quorum:** In order for quorum to be reached, at least 50% of the students living at Haverford must be present at Plenary. When computing quorum, students studying abroad will not be counted when determining the total number of the Students' Association. If quorum is lost at any point during Plenary, the meeting will be suspended until quorum is again reached. After 30 minutes without quorum, the chairs may evaluate the situation going forward.
2. **Voting Options:** When voting, students may choose one of three options: "Yes," indicating approval of the matter at hand; "No," indicating disapproval; and "No Vote," indicating a conscious decision to abstain or remove self from the voting process
3. **Majority Rules:** The outcome of all votes is determined by the proportion of students present at Plenary voting in the affirmative. Ratification of or amendments to the Alcohol Policy, the Plenary Rules of Order, and the Students' Constitution will require a two-thirds (2/3) supermajority. Ratification of all other resolutions and amendments will require a simple more than one-half (1/2) majority.
4. **Informal Votes:** For every matter that requires a vote, the Students' Council Co-Presidents may conduct a vote using an informal method (e.g. raising of packets). If the outcome of the vote is abundantly clear in the eyes of the Co-Presidents, they may proceed as if that outcome were decided by a formal vote. After any such determination, the Co-Presidents will call for any dissent as to the adjudication of the vote. If eight (8) or more members of the Students' Association come forward, then a formal vote must be conducted.
5. **Formal Votes:** In the event that the result of an informal vote is unclear or dissented, a vote must be conducted by a formal method (e.g. paper ballot) whereby the number of votes for each position is precisely counted.
6. **Amendments to the Plenary Rules of Order:** These may be presented and voted on prior to the presentation of the first resolution. Any portion of the agenda may be changed.
7. **Pro-Con Debate:** During any given pro-con debate a person will not speak for longer than two minutes at any given interval, nor shall they be recognized by the chair more than two times. Upon each extension of a pro-con debate, a person may be recognized by the chair one additional time.
8. **Amendments:** Plenary may add "Friendly Amendments" or "Unfriendly Amendments" to a resolution by a vote of the majority. All friendly and unfriendly amendments must pertain to the current resolution as seen in the eyes of the chair. Once an amendment has been approved it may not be reversed, nor the resolution be withdrawn.
9. **Recusal:** To speak to the content of a resolution, a chair must step down until the proposal is resolved. The Co-Vice Presidents shall then preside for the remainder of that resolution.
10. **Time limit:** The time limit for Plenary shall be four hours. If this time limit expires, the assembled Plenary shall vote to extend the time limit half an hour no more than one time. If

the assembled Plenary fails to extend the time limit by majority vote, the pending resolution (if any) will be voted on immediately, without further discussion.

11. **Administrative Review:** Once a resolution is passed by Plenary while quorum is present, the resolution is an action taken by the assembled Plenary. The passed resolution will be in effect at the close of Plenary unless it is subject to other procedural regulations. All resolutions will be presented to the President of the College within seven (7) days of the close of Plenary.

Plenary People

Saumya Varma and Julia Blake, Plenary Chairs, SC Co-Presidents
 Yancheng Dai and Walt Plumlee, Plenary Vice-Chairs, SC Co-Vice Presidents
 Cesar Meric and Saif Kureishi, SC Co-Treasurers
 Anna Saum and Devin Louis, Interim Plenary Co-Secretaries
 Joseph Spir and Arlene Casey, Honor Council Co-Chairs
 Michael Bueno and Josiah Legaspi, JSAAPP Co-Chairs

Students' Council

Co-Presidents:	Saumya Varma '18 and Julia Blake '19.
Co-Vice Presidents:	Yancheng Dai '18 and Walt Plumlee '18.
Co-Treasurers:	Cesar Meric '20 and Saif Kureishi '20.
Co-Secretaries:	TBD.
Officer of Academics:	Victoria Merino '20.
Officer of the Arts:	Cole Sansom '19.
Officer of Athletics:	Rachel Romens '18.
Officer of Campus Life:	Jake Ogata Bernstein '19.
Officer of Multiculturalism:	Leslie Luqueño '20.
International Students Rep:	Shayan Hashemi '19.
Senior Class Rep:	Joey Leroux.
Junior Class Rep:	TBD.
Sophomore Class Rep:	Sydney Churchill.
First Year Class Rep:	Noorie Chowdhury.

Honor Council

Co Chairs:	Joseph Spir '20 and Arlene Casey '19.
Co Secretaries:	Anna Saum '18 and Devin Louis '18.
Librarian:	Sophie McGlynn '18.
Senior Class Reps:	Alfred Lee and Alex Milder.
Junior Class Reps:	Liana Shallenberg, Lilian Domenick, and Madison Sultan.
Sophomore Class Reps:	Riley Wheaton, Daisy Zhan and Allison Wise.
First Year Class Reps:	Lourdes Taylor, Nicole Haas-Loomis, Brett Hungar, and Makoto Manheim.

JSAAPP

Co Heads:	Michael Bueno '18 and Josiah Legaspi '18.
Senior Class Rep:	Hunter Holroyd.
Junior Class Rep:	Noah Connors.
Sophomore Class Rep:	Luke Aylward.
First Year Class Rep:	Katherine Chung.

Resolution #1: Financial Aid Policy:

[SC President Edit] Passed by Students at Plenary but did not get approved by the President of the College

Presented By: Chris Pence '18, Joseph Stein '21, Franny Condon '21, Yifan Feng '21, Jason Ngo '21, Jake Ogata Bernstein '19, Josh Hilscher '18

- WHEREAS Haverford College (the College) strives to be accessible and affordable to all students regardless of ability to pay or class background broadly defined.
- WHEREAS Admissions decisions made without consideration of ability to pay (need-blind admissions) and generous financial aid for those admitted are fundamental to accessibility and affordability.
- WHEREAS A core priority of the College is to provide high-quality education to low-income students, and in so doing be a force for socioeconomic mobility.
- WHEREAS We are living in a time of rising economic inequality and falling socioeconomic mobility.
- WHEREAS The College has never provided, and is currently financially unable to provide, need-blind admissions to all candidates.
- WHEREAS The College, prior to the Class of 2021, had a need-blind admissions policy only for students with US citizenship or Permanent Residence (green card) status, while undocumented students and international students without US citizenship were never admitted on a need-blind basis.
- WHEREAS The College, beginning with the Class of 2021 and continuing into the foreseeable future, has adopted a need-aware admissions policy for all students, affecting approximately 3% of the decisions for the class of 2021.
- WHEREAS The change to need-aware admissions for all students has substantially increased the amount of financial aid available to undocumented students and international students without US citizenship.
- BE IT RESOLVED The Students of Haverford College (the Students) acknowledge the great emphasis and effort the College places on financial aid, but nevertheless urge the administration to make financial aid an even greater priority in the future.
- BE IT RESOLVED The Students recommend that the College never return to an admissions policy that is need-blind for some groups at the expense of other groups, and that the College continue the new policy of making admissions decisions with respect to financial aid for international and undocumented students in a similar way that it makes such decisions for US citizens and Permanent Residents.
- BE IT RESOLVED The Students recommend that the College continue the policy of meeting demonstrated need for all admitted students.
- BE IT RESOLVED The Students recommend that the budget for financial aid be increased whenever possible and to the greatest extent possible, in accordance with the values of the College, until such time that the College might be in a financial situation to adopt a need-blind admissions policy for all applicants, regardless of citizenship or Permanent Resident status.
- BE IT RESOLVED The Students recommend that the College redouble its efforts to raise money for financial aid from external sources, such as donations.

Resolution #2: Collection: Day of Community Engagement

[SC President Edit] Passed by Students at Plenary but did not get approved by the President of the College

Presented by Leah Budson '19, Anna Saum '18, Lillian Alonzo '20

Summary: Each spring semester, one day of classes will be exchanged for a day of community engagement (Collection). During the morning of Collection, students, staff, and faculty will engage in discussions of identity, the Honor Code, and what it means to live in the Haverford community. In the afternoon, students will participate in Spring Plenary, for which quorum will be raised to 75% of the student body. The morning's discussions will frame students' afternoon discussion of Plenary resolutions and will lead to action that continues beyond the day itself.

Recognizing that... Our community (students, staff, and faculty) would benefit from a day of campus-wide engagement, which promotes reflection on, discussion of, and improvements to Haverford and its policies, as well as what it means for our various identities to interact in community together.

Recognizing that... Discussions of identity are relevant to and intertwined with reform of college policy discussed at Plenary, including the academic and social parts of the Honor Code.

Recognizing that... Improvements in accessibility and scheduling can be made to Plenary to ensure that students are engaged and quorum is not lost part way through.

Be it resolved that the Students' Constitution will be changed in the following ways:

Article IV: Legislative Powers

Section 4.02 Meetings of the Association

The number of students required for quorum will be fifty (50) percent of the Students' Association **for Fall Plenary, and seventy-five (75) percent for Spring Plenary.** When computing quorum, students studying away will not be counted when determining the total number of the Students' Association.

(a) Meeting Dates

The Students' Association will meet in Plenary session twice yearly. In the fall and spring the Association will meet ~~on a Sunday~~ within the first five weeks of the semester, **on a Sunday in the fall and a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in the spring, as a part of Collection. These dates will be** specified in advance by the Students' Council Co-Presidents ~~in the spring of the preceding year~~ **by the beginning of each semester.** Plenary sessions shall be publicized as far in advance as possible of the time scheduled for the Plenary session. It is the responsibility of the Students' Council Co-Presidents at the ~~spring~~ scheduling meetings to change the date if there is a conflict with a scheduled religious event.

(b) ~~Plenary Day~~ **Collection** Activities

It is the responsibility of the Co-Presidents of Students' Council, Collection Planning Committee, and all community members to ensure that classes and on-campus activities during Collection and Fall Plenary will be cancelled or rescheduled. Professors will not schedule any assignments due during Collection and Fall Plenary.

All Haverford computer clusters will be closed ~~Plenary Sundays~~ **during Collection and Fall Plenary**. ~~The Co-Presidents of Students' Council and members of the community including faculty are responsible for asking all pertinent College offices to refrain from scheduling events (guest speakers, athletics, etc.) on the semi-annually scheduled Plenary Sundays.~~ The Co-Presidents are strongly encouraged to take any additional desirable steps in regards to communication with all pertinent College offices and faculty to make **Collection and Plenary** as accessible as possible, **taking into consideration the needs of current community members.**

At the end of the Spring semester, Collection Planning Committee will be formed for the following year. These members are intended to represent a spectrum of voices present within the Haverford community and therefore should include a diversity of races, genders, class years, and other identity markers. This committee is responsible for organizing Collection activities and Plenary accommodations.

Guidelines:*Collection Sessions:*

- Each session will focus on how the Honor Code interacts with the identities present at Haverford at the current time.
- Each session will be facilitated by passionate and willing students, student groups, alumni, staff, and/or faculty members. The committee may choose to bring one or more outside speakers to facilitate some of the sessions.
- Each session should provide room for their audience to engage in productive and respectful dialogue, and may include discussion of further action that students can take following the day.

Composition of Collection Planning Committee:

- two Students Council Executive Board members
- at least one Community Outreach Multicultural Liaison
- at least two other members in prominent leadership positions on campus
- one to two faculty representatives
- one to two staff representatives

The committee will include a diverse representation of the community, with a minimum of two people of color and two queer/LGBTQ* people, at least one of each being a student. All members of the committee will be chosen by the organizations they are representing, and confirmed by Students Council.

Role of Collection Planning Committee:

- Collection Planning Committee will plan Collection, including scheduling sessions, coordinating with staff and faculty, and publicizing the event.
- Collection Planning Committee and Students' Council will ensure that all resolution presenters have the opportunity to hold community feedback sessions prior to Plenary, such as the night before.

Revisiting Collection:

One year after Collection's initial implementation and then once every 4 years, Collection Planning Committee will distribute a survey to collect participant input on the day in order to evaluate if it is still serving its purpose and to determine if Collection's current state is the most effective way to promote community engagement around issues of identity, college policy, and the Honor Code.

Example Collection schedule:

Structure: Awareness (morning discussions) + institutional activism & revision (afternoon Plenary)

Opening of Collection: sundown the night before

- This ceremony will be the renewal of an old tradition. The goal is to bring the community together to reflect on questions, concerns, and ideas for the next day. Community members can speak from silence in the Quaker tradition to a predetermined theme related to a current issue within the community.

Morning session #1: 9.30am – 10.30am

- Each student attends a session (open to faculty and staff), which they registered for ahead of time.
 - Sessions can take a variety of forms (discussion, workshop, panel) and will incorporate discussions of identity, the Honor Code, and institutional policy.
 - Sessions can be co-facilitated by: faculty members, staff, students, alums, affinity groups, and others.

Morning session #2: 10.30am – 11.30am

- First years take part in an AMA/HCO/PAF/whole hall session instead of attending the second morning session.
- Other students attend sessions similar to morning session #1 (also open to faculty and staff).

Lunch: 11.30am – 1pm

- The committee will work with the Dining Center to find the most effective way to have a lunch that requires the fewest number of workers and is inclusive of all dietary restrictions.

Plenary: 1pm – 4pm

- Plenary would end by 4 p.m. to accommodate athletic schedules.

Dinner, sports practice, time for reflection: 4pm – 6pm

- Quiet spaces on campus would be open for students to informally reflect on the day either in conversation or in solitude.

Closing community celebration: 6pm onwards

Details up to committee/other student organizations. Could include a concert, dance, or other social activities

The Alcohol Policy

[SC President Edit] Ratified October 8, 2017

Presented By: Michael Bueno '18 and Josiah Legaspi '18.

Article I

Students have the responsibility to confront others whose behavior under the influence of alcohol is inconsistent with the welfare of themselves and others in the community. When community members lose their ability to reason and control their actions due to excessive alcohol consumption, it is threatening to them, to those around them, and ultimately to the community as a whole. Students are responsible for preventing themselves and others from ever reaching that point.

Inebriation shall not be seen as an acceptable or justifiable excuse for disruptive behavior and confrontation for such behavior shall be dealt with as prescribed by the Honor Code.

Article II

Any infractions of Article II will fall under the jurisdiction of Honor Council and JSAAPP. Students have the responsibility to preserve the natural integrity of the campus and therefore to maintain the good condition of the College by preventing any instances of destruction, defacement, littering, and other offenses that can occur as results of alcohol consumption. Events that involve the consumption of alcohol can often lead to the scattering of cups, broken glass, and other waste that affects the condition of the grounds and the safety of the students. In addition, excessive consumption of alcohol can lead to the defacement and vandalism of campus buildings by community members. Students have the responsibility for preventing and resolving these issues in the interest of student safety and the College's ecological and aesthetic environment.

Article III

1. Events: Since the majority of the students are under twenty-one, the legal drinking age in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, alcoholic beverages are not to be served or consumed at student events open to and/or advertised in the college, bi-college, or tri-college communities with the exemption of special events that have been approved by the Joint Student-Administration Alcohol Policy Panel (JSAAPP). In order to receive permission for an aforementioned "special event," the event coordinators must first submit in writing a proposal for the event to JSAAPP. These events must meet the following criteria in order to be considered:
 1. The event may only take place in Lunt Basement or in James House.
 2. The event must be aimed towards promoting the fine or performing arts.
 3. The event organizers plan the event with the aim of promoting the goals of the Alcohol Policy in mind—stressing moderation, safety, and individual accountability for those who choose to drink and providing a positive drinking atmosphere in which alcohol is not the center of the event. Additionally, online discussions relating to the presence of alcohol at an event are highly discouraged.
 4. Alcohol may not be served at the event if the event coincides with Prospective Student Weekend.

5. If the event organizers wish to organize a series of events, they can apply once at the beginning of the semester for all the events that semester, given JSAAPP approval.
2. Private Parties: Outside of approved special events, alcoholic beverages may be consumed only in private spaces. A private space is defined as a student residence or an outdoor area, such as a stoop, porch, or yard that is immediately adjacent to a student residence. The College recommends students not consume alcoholic beverages outdoors on College grounds, hallways or stairwells. Furthermore, alcoholic beverages may only be served in indoor private spaces or adjacent areas. Serving or consuming alcohol on athletic fields used by any College team or outside group is prohibited, in compliance with NCAA regulations.
3. Alcoholic beverages may neither be served nor consumed in public spaces such as, but not limited to, Founders Great Hall and Common Room, the Dining Center, all classroom and laboratory buildings, all libraries, any athletic fields used by any College team or outside group, and any space not defined as a private space without the express written permission of the President of the College.
4. The guidelines apply to all students, including those twenty-one years of age or older.
5. While the distribution of alcohol to all individuals under the age of 21 is illegal, the distribution of alcohol to those under the age of 18 is especially troublesome and will not be condoned.
6. If drinking, students should work to curtail behaviors that may pose a hazard to the comfort and safety of party or event guests, other occupants of the dormitory, and themselves, including, but not limited to, creating excessive noise and/or blocking corridors, stairwells, or doorways.
7. As is the case with JSAAPP approved special events, all private parties must not advertise the presence of alcohol.

Article IV

1. Students who consume alcohol in a manner incompatible with the goals of the Alcohol Policy should be asked to refrain from the offending action by the host or other party guests. In incidents where the students feel that a violation of the Alcohol Policy has occurred and where the confronting party and confronted individual fail to reach a resolution, they should follow the procedure of the campus on which the incident occurred. For this reason, students choosing to attend parties or events at Bryn Mawr College should first familiarize themselves with Bryn Mawr's Alcohol and Party Policies and Honor Code. At Haverford, disregard for these and other party policies should be brought to the attention of JSAAPP. This panel will address strictly procedural violations of the Policy, and will present resolutions aimed at repairing the breach of trust caused by the violation. These resolutions will be presented orally and in writing to both the confronting and confronted parties, as well as to the Dean of the College. Referrals can be made by Honor Council. A student has a period of seven days after the completion of a JSAAPP Inquiry in which to appeal to the Dean of the College or his/her designate to change the resolution(s). If the Dean in question wishes to offer alternative resolutions, he/she must consult with JSAAPP prior to the notification of the change in resolutions. The appeal must be presented orally and in writing, and may be made on either substantive or procedural grounds.
2. When confronting an individual does not or cannot lead to the satisfactory resolution of a problem, the individual whose behavior allegedly violates the Honor Code shall ultimately be brought to the attention of Honor Council. Honor Council will bring a case to the attention of the Office of the Dean if there is a threat to the life or safety of individuals or of damage to

College or private property resulting from inebriation or a violation of the Alcohol Policy. Flagrant or repeated violations of the Party Guidelines could constitute such a case. Such behavior may result in separation or exclusion of the confronted person(s) from the College.

3. In some cases, Honor Council, JSAAPP, or the Office of the Dean will consult counselors with expertise in alcohol abuse and alcoholism if such expertise is deemed relevant.
4. JSAAPP is composed of one member of Students' Council, one member of Honor Council, and one member of the Women*s Center who are appointed by their respective bodies at the beginning of each semester; one representative from each of the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes, two representatives from the Office of the Dean of the College, and a chair or two co-chairs. The Chair(s) and elected positions for class representatives will be year-long positions. Honor Council or Students' Council members, if elected and then appointed for consecutive semesters, may remain on JSAAPP for the entire year if desired. The election of the JSAAPP Chair(s) will follow the procedures set forth in Section 5.08 of the Constitution of the Haverford College Students' Association (entitled "Nomination and Election of the Students' Council"). The election of JSAAPP class representatives will follow the procedures for Fall Honor Council elections, except that all positions are year-long terms. If there is ever a vacancy in any class representative position, JSAAPP will ask the Appointments Committee of Students' Council to appoint a member of the appropriate class to fill the vacancy.

Article V

1. Coordinators of parties and other social events must abide by the party policy of the host campus.
2. It is expected that hosts will inform their guests of relevant provisions of the Honor Code and the Alcohol Policy. Should the provisions of the Alcohol Policy be violated by non-College members, their continued access to this campus may be restricted.
3. Faculty and staff members who entertain students should be aware of the responsibilities and risks to the College and to themselves as individual social hosts under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
4. If the Party Guidelines are not followed either by guests or hosts, it is the obligation of students aware of the violation to approach those in violation and seek a resolution.

Article VI

As with the Honor Code, the students of the community need to reaffirm their commitment to the Alcohol Policy to demonstrate that they accept both the freedom and privileges regarding alcohol consumption and the responsibilities that it entails. The Policy shall be re-ratified every year, and it may be amended at any Plenary. Amendments to the Policy may be proposed by any member of the Students' Association. Amendments will be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total attendance at Plenary. A two-thirds majority vote of those at Plenary shall be necessary for final ratification of the entire Policy. The final text of the Policy shall be immediately forwarded to the President and Dean of the College for presentation to and approval by the Board of Managers.