

# Honors Advisory Board

## *Meeting 3*

Wednesday, October 7  
12-1 p.m. in Crane Room

Present: Jennifer Ball, Dean Corwin, Mo Godman, Dannah Hartley, Keenan Hogan, Erica Koepsel, Michael McGuire (Chair), Denise Ottinger, Nan Palmer, Bonnie Peterson, David Pownell, Carol Prim

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes from last two meetings
- III. Old Business
  - A. Deadline for fall 2010 applications
    1. Discussion about firm deadlines versus rolling admissions resulted in the language of “applications due on X, however later applications may be considered”
    2. Ideas for application due dates included February 15 (coinciding with the Financial Aid scholarship deadline), summer (to accommodate New Student Orientation), and early April (for accepted students to attend the spring banquet). This aspect of the conversation will be tabled until the following meeting in order to connect with Admissions and inquire about peak application/WU acceptance times
  - B. Policy concerning action to be taken when students are not in good standing
    1. The Chair proposed students need to maintain an average GPA of 3.5 while in the UHP – this was supported by the board. Students falling below this GPA will be allowed two semesters of probation in order to bring their grades up
    2. It was suggested (and supported) to have a caveat in the policy which would provide students who fall below the 3.5 GPA requirement to appeal to the Advisory Board for special accommodation.
  - C. Policy concerning transfer students
    1. Much discussion occurred regarding how to best include and encourage successful UHP transfer student participation
    2. Suggestions for specific policy attributes included admitting students with a 3.5 GPA from their previous institution and allowing course substitutions to be negotiated (determined by the Dean or Honors advisor). The discussion about whether to amend the current UHP graduation requirement of 24 hours of honors credit will be tabled for another meeting.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Changes to current application - Several suggestions for edits and updates to the application were provided, including:
    1. Formatting – with the possibility of an online form to be created in the future
    2. State “unweighted cumulative GPA” when gathering high school information
    3. Ask students if they have any college credit completed

4. Add “major interests” to encourage students to list all degree interest possibilities
  5. Ask students to create a resume instead of listing previous achievements which includes two references
  6. Add “short essay” to the writing question and encourage students to “not exceed two pages or about 500 words” when submitting
- B. Ideas for logo, branding, look of Honors materials - Erica Koepsel is taking the lead in developing ideas and encourages any one with ideas to contact her at [erica.koepsel@washburn.edu](mailto:erica.koepsel@washburn.edu)
  - C. Formation of subcommittee to discuss scholarship - Carol Prim is chairing this endeavor; please let her know if you are willing to assist with this process by emailing her at [carol.prim@washburn.edu](mailto:carol.prim@washburn.edu)
  - D. Work this committee can do as a whole and work that subcommittees should do - Tabled for next committee meeting
- V. Announcements
- A. Attend the UHP Brownbag on October 22 at noon and bring a friend!
  - B. The first student information session about the UHP will be held on October 20 at 6pm – food and building interest will be the focus
- VI. Adjournment

Submitted by Dannah Hartley, Secretary of the Honors Advisory Board