

**MINUTES**  
**HONORS ADVISORY BOARD**  
Wednesday, April 3, 2013  
Cottonwood Room – 12:00 p.m.

**Present:** Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Pamela Erickson, Andrew Herbig, Denise Ottinger, Bassima Schbley, Amanda Sorrell, Tom Stuart, Brad Turnbull, Ye Wang, and CJ Crawford (Administrative support).

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.

**HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Amanda reported that the Honors Student Council had a bowling party on the evening of April 2, their first off campus event this semester.

They have started holding meetings twice a month so more members can attend.

They will begin calling in April and May to recruit sponsors for the Etiquette dinner.

A group is going to the regional conference this weekend. Lucy Hesse is the front runner for the Boe Award, which is a cash award.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Tiered System for Honors Completion and Benchmarking Assignment**

Michael is considering a tiered system – high honors, a category for Associate degrees, and regular honors. In February, he assigned member schools of the Great Plains Region Honors Council to board members to review to see 1) if there is a tiered system for honors completion, 2) is there anything on the web site indicating if and how faculty are compensated or recognized, and 3) is there anything that stands out about the school's program and/or their web site. He would like the information by May 8 so that he can compile and summarize the information for discussion in the fall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Current Students Admitted for Fall Receiving Perks in Spring (a semester early)**

Michael asked if students who have been approved for a future semester should begin receiving perks a semester early, like priority registration. After discussion, the committee agreed that the student should be a current member in the program to receive current benefits/perks.

**Guidance Requested on Developing Rubric for Applications – Essay and/or Resume**

Michael asked if a rubric would be helpful for evaluation of the scholarship applications. Amanda commented on the essay and would it be better for students to write about themselves rather than a historical person or event. Jennifer Ball also said it would be helpful if the students could explain their community or school service and not just list it. CJ will send a copy of the Sibberson Award application to Michael.

**Guidance on Developing Exit Interview for Graduates**

Michael asked anyone who is doing an exit interview to send him the questions. The last Program Review indicated that there should be some type of exit interview or test to assess the student learning outcomes, and Honors is up for Program Review next year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Spring Banquet is next Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Garvey Fink Hall in the Bradbury Thompson Center.

The Alpha Lambda Delta initiation is Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Washburn Room.

The Mortarboard initiation is Sunday, April 28 in the Washburn Room.

**There won't be a May Honors Advisory Board meeting. Instead, there is a Faculty Appreciation lunch in Washburn B on Wednesday, May 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVPs/Regrets are due to CJ by April 19.**

The meeting adjourned.