

MINUTES
HONORS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, September 4, 2013
Cottonwood Room – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Kelly Erby, Pamela Erickson, Danny Funk, Michael Gleason, Martha Imparato, Eric McHenry, Denise Ottinger, Bassima Schbley, Brad Turnbull, and CJ Crawford (Administrative support).

The minutes of the April 3 meeting were approved as distributed.

New members were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves.

There are currently 95 students admitted to the Honors Program. Twenty-seven were admitted this fall.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The University Honors Program is having a retreat on Saturday, September 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Kansas Room. Lunch will be at noon in Washburn B and Michael Gleason from Leadership will be speaking.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Benchmarks from Last Year

In April, Michael 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 has received some information but will send a reminder email so he can give a summary of the findings at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Honors Advisory Board Subcommittees

Board members were asked to sign up for either the curriculum/appeals or the admission/scholarship subcommittees. Michael briefly reviewed the purpose of each committee.

He would like to meet with the members of the admission/scholarship subcommittee to review the honors application process and essay. He is adopting Jennifer Ball's suggestion for scholarship review and will send a packet to each member asking them to rank each student based on criteria that still needs to be decided.

He also wants to meet with the curriculum/appeals subcommittee to talk about an honors curriculum and to develop an appeals process by the end of the year for students who have been dropped from the program due to low g.p.a.

COURSE PROPOSALS

Approximately 5 course proposals for Spring 2014 have been received and a couple more are expected.

GOALS FOR SEMESTER AND YEAR

1. Focus on the critical thinking student learning outcome this year. Suggestions were asked for on assessment methods that wouldn't add a lot more work for the professors teaching the courses.
2. Address curriculum development.
3. Develop an assessment plan for Honors to submit by June 30, 2014.

A long term goal is to create an Honors College.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 2 at Noon in the Cottonwood Room.

The meeting adjourned.