

Meeting Minutes for Washburn Honors Advisory Board

Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 12:00 p.m.

Crane Room

Present: Dean Corwin, Lisa Sharpe-Elles, Keenan Hogan, Michael McGuire (Chair), Marguerite Perret, Nan Palmer, and Angel Romero

Meeting was Called to Order

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Business

Freshman Eligibility Requirements

Michael put forward explicit criteria for incoming freshmen wanting to apply to the Honors Program. The basic criteria include an ACT of 28 and a high school GPA of 3.5. A provision will be incorporated to inform applicants that their applications will still be reviewed even though they may not meet the basic criteria. There is currently a writing component which involves students writing what it means to be an honors student. It may be necessary to revise this in the future.

The committee was in agreement that deadlines should be established. December 1 will be the deadline for Spring 2010. A deadline for Fall 2010 has yet to be established.

Retention

To remain in the Honors Program, the committee accepted the following basic requirements of maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and an Honors GPA of 3.0.

Policy concerning what to do for Honors students not in good standing will be discussed at a later point in time.

Discussion of curricular issues related to retention was also brought up but tabled for a later date. Nan Palmer raised the issue of having 'nonacademic' criteria and will follow up with the committee later.

Transfer Students

At the present time, there is no policy for transfer students. The committee will discuss this at a later point in time.

Michael will look into what other schools do in terms of reciprocal articulation agreements.

Student Meeting and Council

Michael will schedule a meeting with select Honors students to help plan a larger 'Informational/Organizational' meeting .

Another issue will be to discuss with the Honors students the formation of a Honors Student Council

Michael will plan on meeting with Honors students next week (week of Sept. 28). Therefore the next Honors Advisory Board will be slated for two to three weeks later.

Progress Report

We have now met twice this year!

Dr. Robin Bowen has informed Michael that the Honors Program can use HC101.

Students accepted in the Honors Program can now be tracked in Banner. And, reports of students who enroll in Honors courses can be created.

Future Business

Meeting Adjourned