

MINUTES
HONORS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Crane Room – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Lisa Sharpe Elles, Mo Godman, Dannah Hartley, Keenan Hogan, Erica Koepsel, Nan Palmer, Marguerite Perret, Bonnie Peterson, David Pownell, Angel Romero, and CJ Crawford (Administrative Support)

The committee minutes from October 21, 2009 were approved.

Faculty Senate Representation on Honors Advisory Board

Michael McGuire's term on the Faculty Senate expires this semester (Fall 2009). He asked for recommendations of Faculty Senate members who may have an interest in the Honors Program.

Michael is hoping to have the Honors Student Council set up for the spring semester.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall 2010 Application Deadline

After discussion, the application deadline for Fall 2010 was set at March 1, 2010. It was recommended that this be a soft deadline and students could have the opportunity to submit applications later. The majority of Admissions deadlines will be in February. Erica recommended that the gifted advisors at high schools be targeted to receive information so they could inform students about the Honors program. Dannah can get more information on this.

Number of Hours for Graduation

Michael said we should look at other universities to see what they require. One possibility is to use a percentage of the total hours needed for graduation, which is 124.

Committee Reports

Communication – Marguerite Perret is willing to help with designs for future honors documents.

Scholarship – Need to reconsider the idea of awarding scholarships at the spring banquet. Could students be awarded scholarships or grants for after they leave Washburn? Michael, Keenan and Mo will discuss this.

Other Committees Needed

Program – Dannah Hartley coordinates Mondays at the Mabee which is co-sponsored by the Honors Program. The committee could help with the coordination. Also, the committee could look at things like travel to lectures at other schools and volunteer efforts. Michael, Angel, Erica, and Keenan will be on the committee with Dannah.

Curriculum – Michael, Jennifer Ball, Lisa, and Mo Godman will be on this committee. A question was asked about how Mock Trial became an Honors course. Michael will look into this. He is

developing a template for course proposals that he would like to begin using with submission for Fall 2010. Some possible topics and recommendations for the committee to discuss were:

- develop a freshman seminar experience for Honors students
- look at the transfer guide to see which courses might qualify as Honors courses to help transfer students
- what are students' expectations of an Honors course
- could SON students get into an Honors course if another course is closed
- possibility of students who have been admitted to the Honors program be allowed to register first (early)

NEW BUSINESS

Honor Stoles for Commencement

The students unanimously selected Joe Green as the color for the stoles. The next step is to decide on the design to put on the stoles. This is due to CJ by February to allow time for the vendor to provide stoles for the May 2010 Commencement.

Spring Banquet Date

The committee recommended Thursday, April 1 as the first choice and Tuesday, March 30 as the second choice. CJ will check the University calendar to make sure there is nothing else scheduled for the preferred dates and then make the room reservations.

Spring 2010 Commencement Reception

The reception is scheduled for Friday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Vogel Room.

New Member Breakfast

Michael wants to arrange a new member breakfast for early February. CJ will check on the VPAA's availability and then reserve a room.

Other/Announcements

Jennifer Ball said that there was a perception that the Honors program was for College of Arts and Sciences students – School of Business students weren't aware of the program. She asked how advising is handled – is it just Dannah and Michael? It was suggested that maybe there should be an honors liaison within each academic unit.

Angel said that he was very pleased that at least 2 subcommittees mentioned emphasizing/improving the Honors Program in their Strategic Planning Committee white papers.

Leadership interview day will be in February.

Next Committee Meeting

The committee will meet again on **December 2** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Crane Room in Memorial Union to review Spring 2010 applications.

The meeting adjourned.