

MINUTES
HONORS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Cotton Room – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Damian Barron, Marsha Carrasco Cooper, Andrew Herbig, Eric McHenry, Denise Ottinger, David Pownell, Bassima Schbley, Amanda Sorrell, Abby Thill, Brad Turnbull, Ye Wang, Blaze Witten and CJ Crawford (Administrative support).

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Amanda Sorrell reported that they had a back-to-school meeting/bash earlier this semester and they plan to do more social things to promote community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tiered System for Honors Completion

Michael would like to look into a tiered system for honors so that 1) students can be recognized who are only here for two years and then go on to pursue a degree in a medical or science field, and 2) possibly set up designations such as University Honors and University High Honors for students who go above and beyond the honors program requirements. He handed out a spreadsheet with member schools of the Great Plains Region Honors Council and asked committee members to do research and benchmark what other schools are doing; each member that was present took six schools. He said the information was due by the May 8 luncheon and there would be a progress check at the April 3 meeting. He asked members to look for 1) is there 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.

Catalog Entry – Student Learning Outcomes

The mission statement is complete and Michael has created a Student Learning Outcomes taskforce to help with the program SLOs – Melanie Burdick, Dan Petersen and Sarah Ubel. Donna LaLonde and CJ will help out as Assessment Committee mentors for the Honors Program. After SLOs have been developed they will be presented to the committee for discussion.

Faculty Compensation

How should faculty be recognized? This discussion will wait until after the committee members see what other schools are doing.

Membership for Subcommittees – Admission, Appeals, Curriculum, and Scholarship

Michael passed around a list and asked committee members to write down which subcommittee they are on or would like to be on.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarship Applications Review Process

Applications are due March 1 and will be sent out to the Scholarship subcommittee with responses due by April 2.

Admission Application Materials Review Process

Applications will be sent out to the Admissions subcommittee and the response due date will be indicated in the email as each one is sent.

Subcommittee Review

Should subcommittees be combined? It was recommended to combine the Admissions and Scholarship subcommittees and the Curriculum and Appeals committee.

As honors contracts are received, Michael will send them to be reviewed by someone with the expertise in the area of the contract. It was requested that if a contract was being submitted for a course when there was already an honors section being offered, that it be noted so that the professor teaching the section could be asked to review the contract.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brad Turnbull announced that there are 10 RA spots to fill and applications are due February 18. RAs receive free room and a meal plan. If anyone knows of someone they would like to recommend, please do so. Next year, Honors will be on the fourth floor.

Damian Barron is now the WSGA student representative.

There is a Who's Who Reception on February 21 in the Washburn Room. RSVPs are recommended.

The Honors Annual Banquet is on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bradbury Thompson Center.

The next Honors Advisory Board meeting is Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room.

The meeting adjourned.