

MINUTES
HONORS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Cottonwood Room – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Pamela Erickson, Andrew Herbig, Lucy Hesse, Martha Imparato, Denise Ottinger, Sangyoub Park, David Pownell, Bassima Schbley, Tom Stuart, Brad Turnbull, Ye Wang, Cassandra White, and CJ Crawford (Administrative support)

With new members on the board, Michael asked everyone to introduce themselves.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting were previously approved via email. Michael asked if anyone saw anything they felt should be corrected or added.

Michael mentioned that in lieu of a meeting in May, the board has an appreciation lunch for faculty who have taught Honors courses during the year or participated in an honors contract with a student. Faculty currently aren't compensated, and he is working with the VPAA to try to figure out a model to do so.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Lucy Hesse said the council has started planning events for this semester. They have already sent requests to local businesses asking for sponsorship for the etiquette dinner and will be following up with phone calls in the next couple of weeks. Michael said they will be doing a social networking skit with members from the Chamber of Commerce immediately preceding the dinner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mission Statement

Michael will be sending out a revised Mission Statement for feedback that was developed from information board members provided last year from their research.

NEW BUSINESS

Honors Advisory Board Subcommittees

Michael reviewed the responsibilities of each of the four subcommittees and sent around a paper asking board members to sign up for at least one of them: Curriculum, Admission, Scholarship, and Appeals (new).

He also said that he has proposed HN101 as the course designation for the Honors Freshman Seminar required for all incoming honors freshmen and will fulfill the anticipated requirement of WU101 for honors students.

Course Proposals

We have received five course proposals for spring so far – three are repeats and one is new. Michael has received three more new course proposals and is waiting on the final paperwork to send the information to the Curriculum subcommittee.

Goals for Semester and Year

Michael briefly reviewed the goals for this semester and this year which are the mission statement, curriculum development, and assessment.

OTHER

Michael distributed two handouts with one listing the “Basic Characteristics of a Fully Developed Honors Program” and the other listing “Basic Characteristics of a Fully Developed Honors College” prepared by the NCHC. He said he would like to work towards establishing an Honors College at Washburn and talked about the benefits of having Honors students at Washburn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Twenty-five (25) incoming freshmen have been accepted for fall 2012; last year there were 19 incoming honors freshmen. The Honors program is up to approximately 73 students.

The Spring Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 in the Ruth Garvey Fink Hall in the BTC.

The next Honors Advisory Board meeting Wednesday, October 3 at 12:00 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room.

The meeting adjourned.