

MINUTES
HONORS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Cottonwood Room – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Marsha Carrasco Cooper, Pamela Erickson, Andrew Herbig, Lucy Hesse, Martha Imperato, Eric McHenry, Denise Ottinger, Sangyoub Park, Bassima Schbley, Susan Smith, Tom Stuart, Brad Turnbull, Ye Wang, and CJ Crawford (Administrative support)

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 5, 2012 meeting were approved as distributed.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Lucy Hesse reported that the mailing to solicit sponsorship for the etiquette dinner had gone out and so far they had received \$1150 from local business and on-campus departments (last year's expenses were approximately \$2000 and we're estimating this year's will be approximately \$2500). The dinner is November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Washburn Room. At 6:45 p.m. there will be a social networking skit by members of the Topeka Chamber of Commerce. Anita Welch from the Top of the Tower will be the etiquette coach.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Course Proposal for Spring 2013

There are four new courses offered from Tom Averill, Kelly Erby, Steve Angel and Jae Yoon Park. There are six course renewals.

One of the responsibilities of the Honors Advisory Board is to discuss ideas for courses that could be offered and then members take those suggestions back to their units to share with faculty.

Breakdown of Honors Students

There are currently 73 honors students enrolled. Eight are undeclared and the rest represent 27 different majors from across campus.

NEW BUSINESS

Quick Values Exercise

Michael asked members to think about their perception of the Honors Program and what the core values should be and to send him their thoughts. This has also been done with the Honors Student Council.

Etiquette Dinner Planning Input

They are planning on selling tickets to the dinner - \$5 for students and \$10 for faculty/staff. Flyers are being prepared and tables will be available for sponsors to share items. A survey will be prepared for guests to complete after dinner. Michael will be sending out a draft of a memo for campus distribution to members for their input.

There was a discussion about different ideas/topics for the dinner.

Course Proposals (recap and reminder)

There still seems to be some confusion with the two course proposal forms – the Master Course Proposal document which can be submitted anytime and the Semester Offering document which is due by September 1 for spring courses and February 1 for fall courses. Michael plans to visit departments to talk about the two forms.

Review Draft Mission Statement

Michael had sent out a copy of the draft mission statement and asked for comments. There was some discussion and then he asked members to email him any other thoughts they might have. He would like to have it ready to go into the 2013-14 University Catalog.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Honors Student Council is hosting a tailgate for the last home football game on November 10. It will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the southeast corner of Henderson.

The next Honors Advisory Board meeting Wednesday, November 7 at 12:00 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room.

The meeting adjourned.