

MINUTES
HONORS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Cottonwood Room – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Michael McGuire (Chair), Rachel Klaus, Martha Imparato, Norma Juma, Eric McHenry, Denise Ottinger, Sangyoub Park, David Pownell, Carol Prim, Tracy Routsong, Lisa Sharpe Elles, Devin Siple, Jim Smith, and Ye Wang

Introductions of two new members.

Minutes from September 7 meeting approved.

Honors Student Council Report

- Etiquette dinner moved to Tuesday, November 8 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
- Still getting T-shirts designed.
- How to elect officers – using forms to make it more formal, discussion of how other student organizations elect officers, several ideas were discussed.
- Working on establishing two new positions - fundraising chair next year.
- Working on homecoming, doing a top hat.

New Business

- Review of mission statement
- Discussion
 - Michael said it seemed vague, need to assess outcomes, need to be more tangible.
 - It was noted that the “aesthetic appreciation” is problematic, that outcomes are really objectives, to strike and Learning Outcomes from the title.
- **Curriculum Development Update**
 - VPAA has asked for a curriculum for the honors program.
 - Michael will be attending a workshop at the NCHC conference.
 - Michael explained the current curriculum.
 - Honors section of FYE needed in fall.
 - Students should be encouraged to take courses in order, maybe numbering system needs to be reevaluated. Have member of honors committee sit on honors thesis committees. Need to have students finish thesis in time for graduation. No limits on number of courses that can be contracted out, suggestions to have only half of honors hours contracted out.
- **Admission Items**
 - 5 applicants for spring.
 - Discussion of moving deadline for future semesters later. Maybe have a small luncheon in spring because of few students. Scholarship deadline changing to Feb 15.
 - Next meeting is Nov 2.