

MINUTES
HONORS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, September 8, 2010
Crane Room – 12:00 p.m.

Present: Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Lisa Sharpe Elles, Rachel Goossen, Keenan Hogan, Martha Imparato, Debbie Isaacson, Reinhild Janzen, Vickie Kelly, Erica Koepsel, Rachel Marlett, Carol Prim, Jim Smith, and CJ Crawford (Administrative support)

The committee minutes from May 12, 2010 were approved.

All members introduced themselves and Michael welcomed the new members who were present – Martha Imparato, Debbie Isaacson, Rachel Marlett, and Jim Smith.

HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Keenan reported that the student council has had two meetings so far – the first was the New Member lunch and the second was the Informational Meeting. About 15 people attended the Informational Meeting – 5 were not honors students.

They are developing University Honors T-shirts. They will look at getting some to sell to board members.

The University Honors programming will be mostly student driven now that the student council is in place.

OLD BUSINESS

Honors Course Evaluation

Michael's goal is that by the end of the semester there will be an evaluation suitable for the Honors program and to use for assessment. He will be talking to representatives from other schools. This will be tabled for discussion later in the semester.

New Students

There are 21 new students for the fall semester.

Recognizing Faculty who Teach Honors Courses

Michael is looking into developing a letter to send to deans and department chairs.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Resolution Status with Faculty Senate

The first reading was on May 10 and the second reading will be on September 10. If the membership changes are approved, it doesn't need General Faculty approval. The changes for student membership to be two students from the Honors Program and one student from WSGA will take effect for the next academic year.

Honors Advisory Board Member Rotation

The proposed Honors Advisory Board member rotation is being submitted to Faculty Senate.

(2 year staggered terms - renewable)

Expires in June 2011

School of Business (Jennifer Ball)

CAS

Humanities Division (Mo Godman)

Social Sciences Division (Rachel Goossen)

Education & Kinesiology (David Pownell)

Expires in June 2012

School of Applied Studies (Jim Smith)

School of Nursing (Debbie Isaacson)

Mabee Library (Martha Imparato)

CAS

Natural Sciences Division (Lisa Sharpe Elles)

Creative & Performing Arts Division (Reinhild Janzen)

Course Proposals

Michael will be sending out readings on what makes a course Honors worthy. While academic rigor and critical thinking are part of it, there may be other criteria that are applicable.

The goal is to have more specific criteria on the course proposal form about what makes a course an Honors course. He will be asking members to sign up for a subcommittee to work on the form and present it to the committee at the end of the semester.

There was discussion about whether a course needed to be fully submitted each semester it was to be offered, or if there could be a master approval and then faculty would only need to submit a request to teach the course in a specific semester. It was agreed that there should be a Master Course Proposal form and then a renewal form to be submitted each semester the course is to be taught.

OTHER

CJ will look for another meeting location since the Crane Room is too small – she will notify everyone of the new location via email before the next meeting.

The date currently set for the **Spring Banquet** is **Tuesday, April 5**. If anyone knows of a major conflict (CJ has checked the calendars and talked with University Scheduling about other events scheduled), please let Michael or CJ know by October 1.

Ten of the new freshman Honors students are in Michael's Freshman Seminar course.

The next Honors Advisory Board meeting is Wednesday, October 6 at 12:00 p.m. (location to be announced).

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.