

MINUTES
HONORS ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, January 28, 2010
Crane Room – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Michael McGuire (Chair), Jennifer Ball, Dean Corwin, Rachel Goossen, Dannah Hartley, Keenan Hogan, Vickie Kelly, Erica Koepsel, Denise Ottinger, Bonnie Peterson, Carol Prim, and CJ Crawford (Administrative support)

Michael introduced Vickie Kelly as the new Faculty Senate representative on the board.

The committee minutes from December 2, 2009 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

New Member Breakfast

The spring New Member Breakfast has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2010 in the Ruth Garvey Fink Hall in BTC from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Ten of the 11 new members have responded that they will attend. CJ will send a reminder to committee members who haven't replied with an RSVP. It was agreed to have assigned seating so that board members and new students sat together. For the format, breakfast would be first (buffet style), then remarks by Dr. Bowen and Dr. McGuire, and then introduction of the new students.

Spring Banquet

The Program subcommittee needs to get together to discuss plans for the banquet. There are two funding sources for scholarships totaling \$1600+; we can award two or three. Should scholarship recipients be announced at the banquet or should the application process be promoted? After discussion, it was agreed that scholarships should be awarded at the banquet. The Scholarship subcommittee will need to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded.

Honor Stoles

CJ needs design information no later than March 1 to send to vendor to ensure stoles are received by May Commencement.

Committee Reports

Communication – None.

Scholarship – Michael sent out a draft for the University Honors Program Scholarship Application. He asked the committee for feedback and then he will send out an updated version on February 5.

Curriculum – A request for fall course proposals was sent to all faculty. Michael sent an email to the committee requesting input on what criteria courses should meet to be considered Honors courses along with a proposal that was received. Proposals are due by February 11 and Michael will forward all proposals to the Curriculum subcommittee for review and recommendation.

Michael is still reviewing what other programs do for their curriculum. For the next meeting, he would like to discuss the idea of crafting courses, or Honors Contracts, to count for Honors credit.

Mission Statement – Michael has developed one but plans to work on it more this semester. He will be in touch with individuals who agreed to assist.

NEW BUSINESS

Goals for Spring Semester

There are many goals but a few are:

- Create a freshman Honors course with an interdisciplinary theme for fall – Michael is working on "Conflict in the Middle East;"
- Get the Student Council established; and
- Work on getting student input on tapping faculty to teach Honors courses.

Other

CJ will send out a doodle for committee members to indicate their availability for a meeting the week of February 15.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.