Honors Council Meeting Minutes

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10:00-11:35 AM
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Attendees: Dr. Denise Young, Dr. Wayne Stein, Nella Ciciulla, Joy Walton, Willie Smith, Shai Neumann, Karyn Ott, and Dr. Mary Roslonowski

I. Welcome and Introductions 2012-2013 Honors Council Members-Dr. Young mentioned that UCF regional campuses on PB and Cocoa offer honors in major and have scholarships available for students. Dr. Alvin Wong is the head of Burnett Honors College at UCF.

II. Honors Program Assessment of Goals –established last year at November meeting, need to reassess now

1. Honors Students are successful in follow-on schools and careers-Karyn suggested we ask graduates if we can contact them each year to see their progress-honors office will call graduates from next year to ask permission to follow up with them each year to do a short survey on their success-asking what about their honors experience has helped them most in their follow-on education/career?

2. Increase enrollment by 25% from same time last year- met this goal but still need to get a handle on courses being offered each term. Suggestion to have honors faculty meet with Campus Honors Coordinator four weeks before the schedule is due to coordinate honors course offering for upcoming terms. Associate Director should also be involved as she can help coordinate across campuses.

3. Decrease number of cancelled classes by 50%-did not meet, only decreased by one each semester-reassessment plan is to inform students more broadly about honors. Strategy is to educate advisors on all campuses about honors so that they can recommend the honors program to those students who have good GPAs. Also, the honors office should obtain info on newly admitted students who have 3.5 from high school or appropriate test scores and send them an invite into the program as soon as they are accepted-possibly indicate interest on the application form or have admissions send over the file of newly admitted students-Honors office will pursue.

4. Increase student satisfaction with the honors program –target 90%, had 87.5% with 8 respondents- reassess next year after implementation of strategies for 2 and 3- suggested
that we do an honors program alumni Facebook page and perhaps pair a current honors student with an honors graduate

III. Summary of Honors Faculty Retreat discussion from October 4, 2012

1. Make the leadership course an Honors course –co-enrolled students, so part of class are regular students, part are honors students -approved by the council 8-0- Karyn and Mary will pursue writing honors leadership course and revisions to course plans for leadership class itself. Goal is to get this approved for Fall 2013 offering.
2. Removing the one honors course per semester requirement-delete required and put recommendation that students take one course per semester 8-0
3. Possibility of honors course with travel in the summer- Marina Baratian, Karyn Ott, and Mary will pursue AAC approval for Summer 2014. Possibility of working with UCF Europe travel program.
4. Honors privileges-honors student free printing has gone away-need to get honors lounge in MB separate from SGA. Once Building 2 is complete, Mary will seek a room on the MB campus for honors students only as Titusville has-sofa, coffee maker, books, and computers.

IV. Honors Program Student Learning Outcomes- developed at the 2012 Honors Retreat by faculty

1. Want to add these onto our original assessment goals from last year – asked council to review for next meeting in January
2. behaviors, skills, or attitudes that our honors graduates should possess and how do we measure-leadership civic mindedness, working collaboratively, professional networking ability, ethical behavior, initiative, flexibility, dependability, inquiry, integrity/character – need to choose 3-4

V. Opportunities to Pursue

1. Honors Council wants a common cut-off to how many students make an honors class run, would like to see a standard number of 5 to allow the class to run – on all campuses-Mary will pursue through provost council.
2. Honors Council wants a college-wide mechanism by which if an honors class doesn’t make, the student can still get into a regular class-Mary will pursue with Provost Council.
3. Possibility ofAdjuncts teaching honors classes-is there any recommendation against doing this from NCHC, etc.-Mary to ask Bev about this-review our current mechanism for how faculty are recruited to teach honors courses.
4. Need to push honors with advisors and getting to students as they are admitted into the college. Asking advisors to do classroom visits and promote the honors program.
5. Possibility of Honors Instructors going into regular courses during the first week of classes and asking students to switch into the honors course?
6. Pursue offering 12 week and 8 week honors courses to ensure faculty already make load and these would be overload classes for FT faculty
7. Pursue a yearly tentative schedule of honors classes-will do this at the pre-schedule meeting beginning in January of 2013-possibly pull zip codes to see what honors courses to offer, where, and when.
8. Honors office needs to put out a list of all currently approved honors courses at the college-Nancy from Mary’s office will do this.

9. Investigate requirements at other colleges for their honors diploma. Are we too prescriptive, just right or not enough based on NCHC recommendations? UCF has honors symposium each term beginning in first semester of freshman year with ENC 1101/1102 in honors, graduation requirement is 3.2.

9. Have scrolling announcement on the webpage introducing honors and perhaps texting to students with a link to the honors program website.

VI. Honors Program Updates-asked council members to review schedule