Honors Council Meeting Minutes

4-12-2013
10:00-11:30 AM
Melbourne 10-206

Attendees: Dr. Wayne Stein, Nella Ciciulla, Joy Walton, Willie Smith, Jeff Johnson, Shai Neumann, Karyn Ott, and Dr. Mary Roslonowski

I. Welcome and Agenda for the day-M. Roslonowski

II. Honors Program Status
   b. Honors Trips- M. Roslonowski did a travel report on Savannah trip- Nancy Hett, Karyn Ott, Mary Roslonowski took 8 honors students to Savannah on March 22-25, 2013. Students read the book Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil before traveling. Group visited book sites as well as historical sites in Savannah. Students are completing a scavenger hunt for other students to use when/if travel again to Savannah.
   c. Honors Conference Travel Report –Jeff Johnson accompanied Becca Childs and Kayla Duchaine to the Regional Honors Conference in Louisville, KY on April 4-6, 2013. Becca did a presentation on differing approaches of two women’s rights activists. This travel was paid for by Student Activities and Honors Budget Funds
   d. Honors Convocation Dinner-May 9, 2013 6:00 PM Palm Café at the Kiwi Tennis Club N. Hett will be mailing out invitations in the next week to honors diploma students and honors faculty. Also, going to invite two honors advisors from Melbourne and Palm Bay to the event as they have been instrumental in getting the students enrolled in honors.
   e. Honors Conference Proposal Submissions and Travel for next year- one student and three faculty/staff members have submitted proposals for the National Collegiate Honors Conference in New Orleans Nov 6-10, 2013. Faculty submitting nominations proposed to take an additional two students to present the information. M. Roslonowski proposed that funds be requested from the honors fund and the student activities fund as well as Provost fund to cover the cost of this travel. Council agreed to that proposal.
   f. Budget Requests for Student Activities Budget 2013-2014-request is due by Monday, April 15, 2013 to Student Activities Director. M. Roslonowski went over budget requests for the next year, asking for 8,000 for student activities budget to include 1,000 for
convocation dinners, 2,000 for student conference travel, 5,000 for Honors Trips (3 per year including Spring Break)
g. Student Feedback Surveys—none have been turned in from Fall 2012 term. Sent another reminder email to all graduating honors diploma and honors affiliate students this term. Nine surveys were completed in 2011-2012 academic year.

III. Honors Council Action Items Update
a. Advertisement to HS Counselors—has been done through letters to the counselors
b. Advertisement to BCC Advisors has been done through email and flyers
c. Again, the council feels the admissions process should include an automatic notification that a student is eligible to enroll in honors classes when the application is processed. M. Roslonowski had spoken to Renee Roth about it but she said that would be something that had to be adopted at the district level. M. Roslonowski will contact Michelle Loufek about getting this process implemented
d. IDH course for Summer 2014—Baratian, Ott, Roslonowski-IDH Science, Humanities, and Community Involvement course with travel—Faculty will start meeting this month on the plans for this course. M. Roslonowski will initiate the meeting invitation, will have to go before AAC in the Fall 2013 term
e. Honors Instructor Nominations received last term—A. Lieb in Palm Bay (Communications), L. Leonard (Humanities) in Titusville, M. Groome (Leadership) in Melbourne, and C. Muro in Melbourne (Political Science)
   i. M. Roslonowski will ask each one to provide a CV for the council to review
   ii. Instructors who do not teach in the discipline for which there are honors courses, would have to commit to creating honors classes in their discipline which is a year long process. Council will need to inform instructors who are selected of this.
   iii. W. Smith brought up the criminal justice program and why there aren’t any honors courses in criminal justice. Think the problem is that the enrollment is low for those classes, so honors classes making in this area might be difficult.

IV. New Honors Curriculum has been approved by AAC. Cher Wooley is in the process of building the new courses into the course database and submitting them to the State.
a. SLS 2261H-new course
b. CHM 1045H/CHML 1045H-revision
c. CHM 1046H/CHML 1046H-new course

V. Honors Faculty Nominations—Council decided that nominated honors faculty should send a CV to the Council and that the council approve any nominated honors faculty before they are invited to teach in the honors program. M. Roslonowski will coordinate getting the CVs.

VI. Honors Council 2013-2015
a. M. Roslonowski asked if current members wanted to stay on next year, most agreed that they would
b. Decided that honors council membership should include at least one of the two honors advisors at PB and MB campuses, David Houk and Ray Wilson.
c. Decided to include B. Kennedy, our new Dean of Innovations In Teaching, on the council as she has always been an honors advocate

d. Two new students will need to be nominated for 2013-2014 year. M. Roslonowski will send out a call for nominations, at the beginning of the fall term, to all honors faculty.

e. Decided that campus representatives (Honors Faculty) from Titusville and Melbourne should be appointed to the committee.

VII. Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014 Academic Year – went over proposed event and meeting schedule for the 2013-2014 academic year

VIII. Presidential Showcase Event

a. Do we want to do such an event next year to showcase the projects and products of our honors students?

b. Tabled-council will decide in the Fall term at the honors council meeting if we would like to hold this in the Spring term.