Collegewide Honors Council

Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 24, 2014

MB 10-206 10:00-11:30 AM

Attendees: Barbara Kennedy, Karyn Ott, David Houk, Ray Wilson, Shai Neumann, Deana Morone, Warren Jones, CJ Baker-Schverak, Joy Walton, and Dr. Mary Roslonowski

- Fall 2013 Honors Recap-Mary reviewed events and course statistics for the honors program.
- Spring 2014 Honors Statistics-Mary showed numbers and budget expenditures for 2013-2014.
  - Enough money left in budget for convocation dinner and small items for courses.
- Honors Faculty Selection
  - Nominations – Dr. Donna Iannotti was unanimously approved to teach honors chemistry courses.
  - James Braun-tabled until next meeting as his CV was not available for the meeting.
  - Joy Walton recommended Connie Dearmin as a potential honors instructor.
- Adjunct Faculty Eligibility Policy—discussion policy on adjuncts teaching in honors is much needed as there are many disciplines that do not have a full-time faculty member on smaller campuses. On PB, no full-timers for World Religions, American Government, and History. The Honors Council approved the following policy for adjuncts to teach honors courses.
  - Adjunct faculty must be nominated by a full-time honors faculty member, must show a satisfactory teaching evaluation for the past year (to Associate Director), undergo a satisfactory teaching evaluation by an honors council member, and submit a resume to the Council for evaluation.
  - Once the council decides on whether to approve the adjunct faculty member, Associate Director will send notification to Dan Capman in HR to allow honors teaching designation.
- Honors Course Checklist – unanimously approved by the Council – Mary will forward to CDC and AAC for approval for use after it is made into a writeable document.
  - Need to methodically go through all honors courses and apply the checklist to ensure COS are meeting the honors criteria. Propose to start with Honors Communications and Honors Leadership.
- New Honors Course-proposals-used checklist as a guide
  - HUM 2390H – revisions needed – Mary will contact Jeff Johnson concerning the edits
  - POS 2041H-revisions needed-Mary will contact Chris Muro concerning the edits
- Palm Bay Honors Promotional Efforts –Karyn Ott
• Held first meeting of the new year for Palm Bay Honors
  • Three of six classes made for Spring 2014 term.
  • Working with Tamara from Heritage HS and other feeder HS to get DE students in
    honors early. Also, did a survey with those students to determine which honors classes
    and which times would be most beneficial.
  • Guest appearances at HS events, sending flyers to HS about Honors
  • Planning to offer Honors Comm 1, Honors Seminar in either Film or Creative Writing,
    Honors Developmental Psychology and Honors General Psychology, perhaps Honors
    Speech and Honors American History if adjunct approved in Fall 2014

• Titusville Promotional Efforts – Warren Jones
  • Revitalizing honors in Titusville-getting some “new blood” into the program.
  • Only 15 faculty in Titusville, half teach honors.
  • Revamping the honors office in Titusville
  • Currently offering 5 honors courses, 2 as independent study.

• Upcoming Honors Events
  • Honors Convocation Dinner – Thursday May 8, 2014 6:00 PM The Palm Café
  • Honors Council Meeting – Friday, April 4, 2014 10:00-11:30 AM MB 10-206

• New Business
  • Student Honors Travel-students should do a presentation after travel or promote
    honors in other classes by presenting student honors experiences.
  • Encourage Honors Students to participate as peer tutors for Core Scholar Program-Mary
    will send out email to students about the opportunity.