**Honors Council**

**Meeting: Wednesday, \_\_, 2017**

**5:00 p.m., 187 Appalachian Hall**

**\*\* MINUTES \*\***

1. Meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.
2. PRESENT: M Waits (ART), R Russell (ComSci), M Adams (DAN), C Edwards (GEOL), H van Werkhoven (ExSci), R Crepeau (GEOG/PLN), M Behrent (HIS), B Cook (MAT), R Gray (PHY/AST), A Smith (PSY), P Marty (THR), B Swarthout (CHM), H Waldroup (ART/HON), J Vahlbusch (LLC/HON).

ABSENT: T Smith (ANT), L Sieffermann (BIO), L Puckett (CHM), D Medin (COB), J Gray (COM), A McRae (ComSci), K Groover (ENG), S Chatterjee (GLS/IDS), E Sparks (GJS), A Fisher (LLC), L Ammon (P&R), L Mosteller (PSY), E Dakin (SW), E Folts (SOC), S Doll (STBE)

GUEST: Rick Rheingans (SD)

1. A motion to approve the Minutes from October 4, 2017, was made (B Cook, A Smith, second) and approved with 2 abstentions.
2. Curriculum proposals from Theatre were presented by Paulette Marty. A motion was made to approve all the proposals (H van Werkhoven, B Cook, 2nd) and passed unanimously.
3. A curriculum proposal from Environmental Science was presented by Cole Edwards. A motion was made to approve the proposal (M Adams, R Crepeau, 2nd) and passed unanimously.
4. Curriculum proposals from Sustainable Development were presented by Rick Rheingans. A motion was made to approve all the proposals (P Marty, R Gray, 2nd) and passed unanimously.
5. A discussion ensued on the topic of ‘what makes an honors class.’ Some faculty noted that they were not entirely sure. Options included expectations of additional depth from students (not just ‘doing more’), deeper dives into theory rather than practice, seeing the students as an asset to the course, having higher expectations or standards for the work produced, exploring collaborative or collective projects, and greater one-on-one work with the students.
6. The meeting adjourned at 6 pm (M Behrent, M Adams, second).

Respectfully submitted for review November 27, 2017, by Heather Waldroup.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be December 6, 2017, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in 187 Appalachian Hall.