**Honors Council**

**Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

**5:00 p.m., 085 Appalachian Hall**

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

1. Meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.
2. PRESENT: T Smith (ANT), M Waits (ART), L Sieffermann (BIO), N Shaw (CHM),L Medders (COB), J Wilson (ENG), C Edwards (GEOL), H van Werkhoven (ExSci), R Crepeau (GEOG/PLN), J Gonzalez (GLS/IDS), M Behrent (HIS), JF Fournier (LLC), B Cook (MAT), L Ammon (P&R), L Mosteller (PSY), E Dakin (SW), E Lamont (SOC), H Waldroup (ART/HON), J Vahlbusch (LLC/HON).

Guest: Erin Bouldin, Public Health

1. A motion to approve the Minutes from September 5, 2018, was made (R Crepeau, B Cook, second) and approved unanimously.
2. Curriculum proposals for a new honors program in Public Health were presented by Erin Bouldin. A motion to approve was made (H van Werkhoven, L Medders, second) and approved unanimously.
3. Curriculum proposals to update and align the honors programs in Geology and Environmental Sciences were presented by Cole Edwards. A motion to approve was made (L Medders, L Ammon, second) and approved unanimously.
4. Update from Jeff Vahlbusch:
   1. Jeff met with Darrell Kruger, Tim Burwell, and Neva Specht re honors teaching and release of faculty.
   2. Jeff wishes to include college and departmental honors students and faculty in various conversations, including recruitment, engagement, and retention. He would like to include more information on departmental honors on the Honors website, and to develop an inclusive faculty governance model.
   3. Topics for workshops in the Spring could include curriculum, admissions requirements, and having the thesis course be an S/U grade.
5. Discussion also ensued on honors involvement in Student Research Day and conferences.
6. Announcements: time to recruit; the next meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday in November.
7. The meeting adjourned at 6 pm (H van Werkhoven, L Sieffermann, second).

Respectfully submitted for review this 4 October, 2018, by Heather Waldroup.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be November 14, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in 085 Appalachian Hall.