**Honors Council**

**Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

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

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

1. Meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.
2. PRESENT: T Smith (ANT), M Waits (ART), A McRae (ComSci), M Adams (DAN), K Groover (ENG), C Edwards (GEOL), H van Werkhoven (ExSci), R Crepeau (GEOG/PLN), M Behrent (HIS), B Cook (MAT), V Klima (MAT), R Gray (PHY/AST), A Smith (PSY), E Dakin (SW), S Doll (STBE), H Waldroup (ART/HON), J Vahlbusch (LLC/HON), B Chastain (CHM), M Dale (CLS/IDS), K Schilbrack (P/R), B Burke (SD).

ABSENT: L Sieffermann (BIO), L Puckett (CHM), D Medin (COB), J Gray (COM), R Russell (ComSci), S Chatterjee (GLS/IDS), E Sparks (GJS), A Fisher (LLC), L Ammon (P&R), L Mosteller (PSY), E Folts (SOC), P Marty (THR).

Guest: Provost Darrell Kruger

1. A motion to approve the Minutes from February 7, 2018, was made (K Groover, H van Werkhoven, second) and approved with two abstentions.
2. Remarks were given from H Waldroup, J Vahlbusch, T Smith, K Schilbrack, and H van Werkhoven. In particular, Smith noted his recruitment strategies for the Honors program in Anthropology, which include personally contacting students with the requisite GPA, developing a cohort of around 20 students, an Honors club, and personal Honors advising in addition to major advising. Schilbrack noted that faculty in his department have developed different strategies for their 410 sections, including having students submit their work to conferences and/or journals, having honors students lead review sessions, etc. Van Werkhoven noted that their program is new and that his department has had some pushback from faculty, though students tend to seek out faculty who want to do the additional work of supervising Honors student research.
3. The Provost spoke about his support for Honors on our campus. Remarks included assigning a development officer to work with the Honors College, allocating funds to student research, and Appalachian’s commitment to “transforming student’s lives,” which articulates with the goals of Honors.
4. A discussion ensued which included concerns from faculty about support for Honors, the relationship of Honors to larger issues such as recruitment and retention, and the place of Honors as the university grows.
5. With no additional questions from faculty, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm (M Adams, S Doll, second).

Respectfully submitted for review this April 9, 2018, by Heather Waldroup.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting (an end-of-the-semester gathering) will be May 2, 2018, from 4-6 p.m. in 187 Appalachian Hall.