



Honors Council

Meeting: Wednesday, 13 February 2013

5:00 p.m. | 187 Appalachian Hall

*** MINUTES ***

This meeting of Departmental Honors Advisors was convened at 5:08 p.m.

Present: W. Anderson (GLY) ; J. Cazier (COB) ; J. Cecile (CHE); L. Emery (PSY) ; C. Hall (COM); M. Howell (SW); S. Jessee (HIS); L. S. Jones (HC); V. Klima (MAT); M. Lane (HC); M. Lanoix (P&R); C. Lippard (SOC); H. Martin (ENG); L. Mosteller (PSY); D. Parks (CS); E. Peterson (GJS); J. Toub (ART); M. Wise (SOC).

I. **Approval of Minutes** from 15 December 2012

A motion was made (Parks) and seconded (Wise) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

II. **Reports on Activity** (Lane and Jones)

- A. **Fall 2013 courses needed.** Please consider offering a -410 section of a departmental course and/or speak with Leslie to suggest an HON seminar!
- B. **Newsletter:** Our latest *Laurus Honorum* has been posted. We are accepting stories for the Spring edition (email to Lisa Kirscht : kirschtlm@appstate.edu)
Read it here: <http://honors.appstate.edu/alumni-friends/newsletters>
- C. **Honors College Minimum Grade Policy:** was approved at the December AP&P meeting.
- D. **Prestigious Scholarships Program:** to date, several are in-progress or have been submitted. Remember to encourage very promising freshmen and sophomores to pursue these opportunities.
- E. **2013 Admissions :** deposits for the Class of 2017 are incoming (53 to date; on-target so far for our intended yield).
- F. **Chancellor's Scholarships:** Interviews occurring 23 February. Despite multiple pleas and ample evidence that the institution could and should support more, it has been announced that the erstwhile 15 (then 10 last year...) scholarships would be cut – again – to a mere seven (7) awards for the current cycle.
- G. **Department Honors Program Descriptions:** Please update on your dept. website as needed and be sure we have the most recent iteration / link on the Honors College page.
- H. **FORMS!** Reminders:
 - 1. The Honors College still processes forms for honors contracts and thesis payment.
 - 2. We accept NO variations; please refer students to the forms on our website.
- I. **Clinical Experiences.** Jones has just returned from Brazil where she has been negotiating clinical internships for students in Recife.
- J. **NCHA Conference:** The North Carolina Honors Association conference will be hosted by us here at ASU on October 5, 2013. More info forthcoming as planning unfolds.
- K. **E-Portfolio options:** We've begun to investigate e-portfolio options for use in Honors (and beyond). Stay tuned.

III. New Business

A. **Proposal to modify/codify the Geology (GLY) honors program**

A motion was made (Peterson) and seconded (Cazier) to approve the proposed modification to the GLY honors program. Motion carried unanimously.

B. **Data Management / Tracking Software in Development through CS**

Parks announced that a group of her students were developing a web-interfaced tracking program that would assist in honors data management (student name; GPA; courses completed within CS honors program; etc.). More information will be forthcoming, but at this time, advisors interested in having such a utility tailored for their own programs should inquire with Dee Parks.

IV. Old Business

A. **History program modifications passed through AP&P**

Jessee confirmed that the modifications to the honors program in HIS (approved by the council last fall) had been approved by AP&P during its December meeting.

V. Adjournment / Refreshments / Tour of New Facility

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Refreshments followed, as did a mini-tour of our new office / classroom facility for those who were interested.

Respectfully submitted for review, corrections, and additions, this 04 March 2013. Michael E. Lane

NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesdays, 06 March; 03 April; 01 May, 2013, 5:00 p.m., 187 Appalachian Hall