

**Honors Council**  
**Meeting: Wednesday, 04 Sept 2013**  
**5:00 p.m. | 187 Appalachian Hall**  
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This meeting of the Departmental Honors Advisors (Honors Council) was convened at 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Vicky Klima (MAT); Dee Parks (CS); Joe Cazier (WCoB); Jennifer Cecile (CHE); Jim Toub (ART); Lynn Siefferman (BIO); Scott Jessee (HIS); Lisa Emery (PSY); Monique Lanoix (P&R); David Orvis (ENG); Katherine Ledford (AS); Jennifer Gray (COM); Jeanne Dubino (CGG); Dale Wheeler (HON); Cheryl Claussen (ANT); Chris Badurek (GHY); Marianne Adams (DAN)

**ABSENT:** Elicka Peterson (GJS); Richard Gray (P&A); Chris Thaxton (ENV); Chuanhui Gu (GLY); Andres Fisher (LLC); Michael Howell (SW); Cameron Lippard (SW)

I. Reports on Activity (Jones)

- A. **New Associate Director:** Process ongoing
- B. **Spring 2013 Advising & Registration:** HON seminars and Dept-410 courses for Spring 2013 being solicited, PLEASE send courses as you have them.
- C. **NCHA Conference:** Oct. 5, 2013. If you have Honors students you want to have present there, please notify Honors by Friday this week; cost is \$50/registrant.
- D. **Incoming Freshmen Class:** Data on frosh class is online (<http://honors.appstate.edu/about/facts-and-figures>)
- E. **Newsletter:** Summer *Laurus Honorum* posted and now seeking articles for Fall edition.
- F. **Wilson's Scholars Program:** The working group to combine CS and WS selection meets starting tomorrow. CS number should be back to ten, according to Provost email.
- G. **e-portfolio:** Mahara is the current campus option, but is limited for large files.
- H. **Honors College Strategic Planning (2013-2018)** Current budget limitations circumscribe options but plans to build on current developments continue.
- I. **New Community College Articulation Agreements:** Durham Technical Community College signed over the summer; Wake Tech is in the wings.
- J. **Move to Honors College Dean:** Still no change, though a request for at least "Observer" status for Dean's Council has been made to the Provost.
- K. **Honors Council Agenda / Minutes:** For future dissemination and archiving these are available online here: <http://honors.appstate.edu/academics/honors-council>.
- L. **Contract and Thesis forms:** The HC processes all departmental contract forms, but only if they are on HC forms. Depts may use internal forms, but not for HC processing. The HC contract forms are here: <http://honors.appstate.edu/academics/honors-course-forms-and-listings>. For the Thesis, HC only processes students doing University Honors and these must also all be on HC forms.

II. New Business

A. **Honors Thesis Problem:** Running out of mentors. This discussion item was submitted by Dale Wheeler and prompted lively discussion of the problems and potential solutions that various departments experience/try. Problems included: not enough faculty to accommodate all interested students; mismatch between areas students are interested in and numbers of faculty in those specific areas; lack of recognition/support for thesis mentoring. Potential solutions explored included: the Handbook used to contain a formula for thesis value and equivalence to courses taught, release time was awarded or points accrued; tuition payback from thesis hours taught; using summer internships as a means to generate support; finding support for travel. The group will continue to talk to colleagues in their departments and may propose a resolution in future.

B. **New Honors Program Proposal:** A proposal for a college-wide Honors program from RCoE is being created to come for Honors Council consideration this fall for bulletin 2014.

III. Adjournment | Refreshments

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m. Refreshments followed. Respectfully submitted for review, corrections, and additions, this 05 Sep 2013. Leslie Sargent Jones

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 02 October 2013, 5:00 p.m.**

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