**Honors Council**

**Meeting: October 1, 2014**

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

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

1. Meeting convened at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT: K. Ledford (ApStud), J. Toub (Art), L.S. Jones (Bio/Honors), J. Cecile (Chem), S. Welsh (Com), M. Adams (Dance), D. Orvis (Eng), C. Gu (Geol), A. Sterling-Hellenbrand (GLS), V. Klima (Math), L. Ammon (P&R), R. Gray (Phys), L. Emery (Psych), M. Howell (SW), S. Doll (TED), H. Waldroup (Art/Hon).

ABSENT: C. Claassen (Anthro), L. Sieffermann (Bio), L. Puckett (Chem), S. Vannoy (COB), D. Parks (ComSci), E. Peterson (CJ/PS), C. Thaxton (EnvSci), S. Collier (ExSci), R. Crepeau (Geog/Pl), B. Weiner (His), J. Gonzalez (IDS), A. Fisher (LLC), E. Folts (Soc).

GUESTS: A. McDowell (Hon), D. Wheeler (Chem/Hon).

1. Welcome and introductions: Dr. Andrea McDowell from Honors was introduced and spoke briefly about her role in the Honors College.
2. A motion to approve the minutes from September 3 was made (M. Adams, L. Ammon, second) and approved, with one abstention.
3. Reports and reminders:
4. Dr. Dale Wheeler discussed upcoming deadlines for various scholarships and distributed relevant literature. These handouts will be distributed digitally as well.
5. The process for completing an honors contract was briefly reviewed.
6. Coding for thesis courses: L.S. Jones discussed appropriate ways to code thesis courses.
7. New business: A discussion ensued regarding the College of Education’s plans to develop an Honors program. A motion was made to recommend that the college proceed with developing an honors program for its own students and wait on developing a second program for secondary education students (M. Adams, A. Sterling-Hellenbrand, second). It was felt that these are two distinct programs and that the latter needed significant development that would impede the passing of the former. The motion passed unanimously. H. Waldroup will convey this information to the COE committee.
8. Old business:
	1. The ‘honors attribute’ was discussed.
	2. L.S. Jones gave an update on scholarship issues.
	3. Chairs of various programs shared their criteria for admitting new students to their departmental honors programs.

Adjournment and refreshments: the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for review this 2 October 2014, Heather Waldroup.

**NEXT MEETING**: The next scheduled meeting will be December 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in 187 Appalachian Hall. A November meeting will be scheduled as/if necessary.