**Honors Council**

**Meeting: March 4, 2015**

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

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

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

PRESENT: S. Vannoy (COB), V. Klima (MAT), E. Peterson (GJS), D. Mines (ANT), J. Grey (COM), B. Weiner (HIS), D. Parks (CSci), LS Jones (HON/BIO), C. Gu (GEO), M. Adams (DAN), L. Emery (PSY), D. Orvis (ENG), M. Howell (SW), A. Fisher (LLC), H. Waldroup (ART/HON)

ABSENT: C. Claassen (ANT), K. Ledford (AppStud), J. Toub (ART), L. Sieffermann (BIO), L. Puckett (CHM), D. Medlin (COB), C. Thaxton (ENS), R. Crepeau (GEO), J. Gonzales (CGGS), L. Ammon (P&R), R Gray (PHY – OCSA), E. Folts (SOC), S. Doll (TED).

1. A motion to approve the Minutes from February 4, 2015 was made (E. Peterson, B. Weiner, second) and approved with one abstention.
2. Old business:
   1. Grade issues for Honors courses were discussed. The committee agree that a B should be required for all honors courses -- whether contract, 410 sections or HON courses – for a student to receive honors credit. This will apply to University honors students; departments will need to set their own criteria for departmental honors. LSG and HLW will work on AP&P forms in the Fall.
   2. Various issues with 410 sections were discussed, both concerns and solutions. Concerns included going at a slower pace to meet needs of non-Honors sections (for cutout sections) and faculty workload issues. Solutions included possibly rotating the offering of 410 offerings to have honors-only sections rather than cutout sections.
   3. Survey of 410 sections: HC faculty noted that current survey of HON courses contained questions not relevant to 410 sections and/or felt that faculty would be unwelcome to an additional layer of assessment. HC will continue to discuss ways to address these issues.
3. Reports and reminders: HC members were reminded that students interested in applying for Fullbright scholarships should make appointments with Dr. Dale Wheeler during the month of April.

Adjournment and refreshments

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. (V. Klima, B. Weiner, second).

Respectfully submitted for review this 5th day of March, 2015, Heather Waldroup.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be April 1, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. in 187 Appalachian Hall.