

Honors Committee
Minutes of the Tuesday, 8 October, 2019, Meeting

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Members Present: Stan Alluisi, Meg Cotter-Lynch, Charla Hall, Brett Elliott, Karl Frinkle, Kathleen Hardgrove, Morgan Blake, and Maribeth Nottingham

Members Absent: Courtney Kernek, Josh Nannestad, Marlon Blankenship, and Alex Spahn.

Also present: Cullen Whisenhunt

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alluisi at 2:05 PM.

Minutes

No minutes were available.

Introductions

New and old member of the committee introduced themselves and the affiliation. New members Morgan Blake, President of the Student Honors Advisory Council, and Cullen Whisenhunt, new Honors Advisor, were introduced.

New Business

Dr. Cotter-Lynch reviewed the current state of the honors program and described the curriculum. She also reported that the Honors Program freshman enrollment in 2016 was 28 students and this fall we enrolled 42 honors students.

Dr. Cotter-Lynch also explained that about 50 students enrolling each fall would be ideal and that an honors-specific faculty member teaching several honors classes will be needed as current faculty retire. She stated that currently there are a total of 132 Honors Students.

Dr. Hall asked whether Honors still has trouble fitting into 4-year plans for specific majors. Dr. Cotter-Lynch explained that Elementary Education has some issues, though compromises have been made. Pre-med and Music majors also often experience scheduling issues.

Issues relating to the Logic class were discussed. Dr. Cotter-Lynch stated that the recent class had a very high D/F/W rate. Dr. Frinkle explained the vastly disparate experiences for the past two semesters.

Dr. Frinkle also suggested that Honors professors might consider meeting with each other to discuss pedagogical approaches and compare course set-ups, in order to ensure cohesion throughout the program.

Dr. Alluisi asked if there were any honors activities, trips or other events planned for the fall or spring semester? Morgan Blake described the Halloween Party as well as plans to enter a float in the Homecoming parade. Dr. Cotter-Lynch briefly described the trip to France planned for Spring Break, 2020. She stated that eleven people had signed up, three were “maybes” and there was still room for several more.

Morgan Blake described the Honors Survey which is currently under way. It was suggested that a firm “end date” be established as well as sending an additional emailing out to solicit additional responses. Upon receipt of the survey responses she will compile the results, email them to committee members and then we will be prepared to discuss the results at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Honors Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, 5 November, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Morrison M-318.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.