

Minutes: Honors Council Meeting, Dec. 5, 2006

Present: Casey, Lowe, Rubio, Stephenson, S. Hill, Wilson, Adams, Findley, R. Hill, Saydam, Korrodi, Lang

Committee Reports:

Recruitment: The committee is working on a mass email to students they met through Career Fair and Browse.

Retention: Reported no problems from advising.

Quiz Bowl: Lowe has resigned as Quiz Bowl chair. Casey asked Adams to assist with the event. Adams agreed to do so but asked that the entire Honors Council assist in the event. The following council members agreed to the following responsibilities:

Findley: trophies

Stephenson: updating mythology questions

Hayes: updating science questions

Casey: event program

Rubio: nametags

Casey and new colloquium co-leader: organizing and training of student volunteers

All: assist in finding readers for the event

Adams and Brown will serve as Quiz Bowl committee. Adams stated that she would assist in securing the date, followed by sending letters and serving as contact for schools.

Findley graciously offered the use of Hughes grad assistants.

Student Trip Report: Stephenson and two students reported on their recent trip to an undergraduate conference. Korrodi and Lang described the trip as a rewarding academic experience.

Old Business

Rubio asked if we intend to make changes to our curriculum, as we voted last semester. He also questioned whether it is too late to make these changes to the upcoming catalog.

A discussion followed concerning HP courses that do not reflect the core. Wilson moved that we amend the "accepted" curriculum to include:

--a statement that science courses must be in the major

--209H must become a world literature course

--110H must become a composition course

--a statement explaining that English and History courses will substitute for Humanities Core Requirements

The total hours will then become 60.

All were in favor.

Findley proposed that the English members of HC form a subcommittee to rewrite curriculum for 110H, 209H, and 219H.

Student Applications

Two student applications were voted upon. Adams moved to admit Michael O'Neal. Wilson seconded.

After thorough discussion of another application, which continued to be incomplete, Rubio moved that we reject the application. Hayes seconded.

New Business

Nominations for 2007-2008 Co-Chair were opened. Rubio nominated S. Hill. She accepted.

Wilson moved that we close nominations, and Hayes seconded.

Rubio discussed the use of the Honors Office for office hours. He stated that, if our program grows, the Provost will allow us a lounge space such as that enjoyed by the CBA. Rubio suggested that we use the current HP office as a place to hold office hours, a time when students can ask questions and when council members can take care of paperwork.

Meeting times for Spring 2007 were discussed. The time will be Mondays at 3:00, with the first meeting scheduled for January 22.

Additional Topics

The group briefly discussed the website. Casey shared comments from Dr. Sutherlin on his recent HP course.

Casey gave a brief membership update, citing two students who have decided to leave the program.

The Scholarship Committee scheduled a meeting for the upcoming Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams
Secretary