

Minutes
Honors Council Meeting
January 29, 2007

Members Present: Casey, Stephenson, Adams, S. Hill, Brown, Findley, Hayes, Saydam, and Doherty.

Committee Reports were presented to the council:

Recruitment

Casey read a statement submitted by Rubio: Adams and Stephenson are working on a letter to be sent to students from the last Browse on the Bayou.

Retention

Last semester, Hill and Thompson discussed taking HP students to an opera or musical in Shreveport. Hill updated us, saying we have two options: Carousel on March 15th or Carmen on May 5th. The committee will poll students to see which event they prefer. Tickets will be \$10 per student.

Quiz Bowl

Brown stated that Quiz Bowl is scheduled for March 10th and expressed a need for volunteers. So far, Adams has rewritten letters, Arant has agreed to speak during the opening ceremony, and Hayes and Stephenson are reviewing questions.

Adams discussed the need to use Quiz Bowl as a recruitment event. She discussed inviting faculty from the participants' intended majors/areas of interest. She also discussed ordering an official Quiz Bowl tshirt for all participants and sponsors.

Doherty suggested using corporate sponsorships in order to fund the tshirts. Hayes recommended having HP students solicit these sponsorships. Findley reiterated the need for sponsor gifts.

Student Business

Casey stated that a recently admitted student has resigned for personal reasons.

Casey updated members on a recent student issue. The student who had been given an extension (until 1/15/07) on his/her Honors Project has failed to complete said project. The student's Honors designation will now be revoked.

New Business

Hannah 231 and 232 have been assigned to the HP for use as office and lounge, respectively. Furniture is coming soon. Two student workers are now in the office and are available to help with business, Quiz Bowl, etc.

Proposals

Two proposals were received for English 219H. The committee decided to vote after receiving Eller's complete syllabus, which is not yet available.

The committee received one proposal for History 219H. Brown moved that we accept the proposal. Stephenson seconded.

Other Business

Saydam questioned why Math 201H is a two-hour course. She asked, "Could we make this a three-hour class which substituted for the second math course?" Stephenson and Findley pointed out that some students could not count 201H towards their majors; however, others would find this a welcome curriculum change.

The committee discussed problems with the previously determined meeting time and opted to meet on the last Monday of every month at 4:00 pm. Future meetings will be held on February 26th, March 26th, and April 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adams
Secretary