

Minutes
Honors Council Meeting
October 10, 2006

Members Present: Casey, Wilson, Stephenson, Smith, Thompson, Adams, Lowe, S. Hill, R. Hill, Brown, Findley, Rubio, Hayes, Saydam, and Lang

Committee Reports were presented to the council:

Recruitment

Rubio distributed the revised recruitment letter, and the group discussed various aspects of the revision, including the new “brief statement.” Committee members stressed their desire for more individual statements. Rubio discussed other news such mailing address, email, display board, and Career Fair.

A question was raised about study abroad for honors students. Students can receive Honors scholarships to pay for study abroad, as long as they are enrolled at ULM during the study abroad period.

Retention

Saydam began by suggesting a blackboard account for the Honors Program. Thompson described it as a “wonderful clearinghouse” for disseminating information to HP students.

The group pointed out that we must revisit the issue of office space. We might also consider electronic locks at our new space so that all council members may have access to the office.

The group suggested retention activities, such as a trip to the opera in Shreveport. The foundation account should support such an event. Other ideas were for pizza and bowling parties. Kristi Lang then distributed a flier of upcoming events. These events have been planned by the Student Honors Council, and the council agreed to support these events.

The retention committee asked if HP students will again be able to early register. Casey will check to see if this process is still in place.

Quiz Bowl

No report at this time.

At this time, the council moved to discussions of old business, curriculum changes, colloquium, and student applications.

Old Business

The council discussed fall and spring course offerings, noting that S. Hill will teach 209 in the spring, while Eller will be asked to resubmit his proposal for the Fall 07 American Lit course. We have no proposals for Art.

Curriculum Changes

Council members (particularly Rubio and Adams) questioned whether last year's Self Study would result in actual curriculum changes. Copies of the final Self Study will be forwarded to all council members for use in future discussions.

Colloquium

Casey asked that council members consider assisting her with colloquium next semester with the possibility of taking over those responsibilities in the future.

Student Applications

The council still needs application materials from two of our freshmen (Casey Anderson and Samuel Strider). Three others have now completed the process (Joshua Beckham, Michael O'Neal, and Kristen Sanders).

Final Announcements

Casey asked if we would be interested in taking a photograph for the Chacahoula. The group was agreeable to said picture.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adams
Secretary