

Honors Council minutes
28 April 2008
Start at 330 PM

Colloquium

New colloquium will be topics driven

Fall social science course

Now taught by Dr. Sutherland W7-915 PM (Lib 3G)

Curriculum change

The new Honors Program proposal was approved unanimously. Some topics of discussion:

- (i) Approval to enroll with recommendation of faculty member
- (ii) Barbara Michaelides can offer 5 Emerging Scholar spots to support students.
- (iii) Faculty will need some kind of support/funding.
- (iv) Establish a course consistent throughout the college (e.g. 400H independent study). Students can take 12 hours of independent study. This will allow students to do research or do additional work for an existing course (much like dual listed courses for graduate students). Students will need permission of instructor. A benefit is that we can submit a one time proposal to the UCC. Students should be encouraged to submit papers to the Student Research Symposium.
- (v) Advising will be an issue to consider
- (vi) There should be a checklist of steps (e.g. see professor, get approval of professor/HC chair, etc) that is the student's responsibility to complete PRIOR to the course. The student will need to enroll in the course as usual.
- (vii) Students should have a portfolio in which each course is added. This will ensure that students and faculty understand expectations. Also, this will allow us monitor progress year to year if departments experience turnover.
- (viii) Oversight – students will get a grade for the course. Thus, faculty will have oversight over their own students' projects.
- (ix) Next step: Talk to deans, registrar about logistics

Scholarships

Will start process of student applications in fall 08

Portfolios will help us keep track of applications/funding history

Current HC students: Grandfathered on a case by case basis.

Other info

(i) Space: New office space unknown. We will get some furniture. Possible locations include Sugar Hall.

(ii) Grades:

3.3 – Freshman, 3.4 – sophomores, 3.5- juniors.