

**Minutes
Honors Program Council
4th October 2007**

Members present: Ms. Buczala, Dr. Doherty, Dr. Hayes, Dr. R. Hill, Mr. Price (student council president), Dr. Palmer, Dr. Rubio, and Dr. Smith

Members absent (excused): Dr. Brown, Dr. Eisenstadt, Dr. S. Hill, Ms. Lowe, and Dr. Saydam

Members absent (unexcused): Dr. Thompson, Dr. Wilson

The meeting was called to order by Rubio (chair) on Thursday 4th October 2007 at 3:00pm in Student Center 160.

Item I-- Welcome new members:

New member is Jack Palmer

Item II – Subcommittee reports

The Recruitment subcommittee chair, Stephenson, reported that the ULM Honors Program website is being updated. Doherty reported that the website will be up soon. Stephenson also reported that Recruitment and Admission will redesign the new honors program brochures. She also said Browse on the Bayou will be on November the 3rd. A thank you was extended to all the students and council members who contributed at the career fair.

The committee also agreed that announcement about the Honors Program to the freshmen classes is encouraged.

The Student Council reported that there have been discussions about more student involvement in recruitment efforts. Price reported that the students want to have more presence at the local high schools.

Item IV -- Advising

A list of the courses offered in the spring 2008 was distributed. Advisors should follow the list of the criteria of honors designation that will be emailed to all the members.

Item V – Colloquium

Rubio appointed a committee to revise and revamp the Honors Colloquium course. The committee will be composed of two faculty members, Saydam and R. Hill, and three students, Price, Fornea and Tewson. Rubio also said that a final proposal should be submitted by the end of October.

Item VI – Spring Classes

Rubio will ask Mobley to submit a course application. Rubio will send an email with his application and Thompson's application. A decision will be taken via email.

Item VII – T-shirts

Smith announced that the polo shirts will be maroon and have the insignia of the Honors Program. The cost will be \$20.00

Item VIII – Contract

The council approved that students should start signing a written contract after their sophomore year, in which they will commit on a year by year basis to the honors program in order to receive any scholarship. Rubio said that he will write a rough draft with certain guidelines to be shared with the council. The possibility of making scholarships similar to financial aid will be considered.

Item – IX Co-chair

Rubio said that a co-chair will have to be elected by the next meeting, which will take place during finals week.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Christian Rubio,
Honors Council chair
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