

Minutes
Honors Council Meeting
November 14, 2005

Members present: Adams, Casey, Feldhaus, Findley, Goodwyn, Rubio, Saydam, Sharma, Smith, Stephenson, Thompson, Wilson, and Quattrini (student Honors Council President)

Dr. Findley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Minutes from the October meeting were read and accepted by council members.

Rebecca Quattrini, President of the student Honors Council, reported on recent fundraising activities organized by honors students. Profit from a car wash (Oct. 22) was not sufficient to pay for the annual banquet in November, so it has been delayed until early Spring, 2006 (perhaps to coincide with Mardi Gras). A bake sale is organized for November 18-19 at four strategic locations on campus. Other ideas for fundraising activities were discussed. Students are considering a Christmas party pursuant to fundraising success. Ms. Quattrini reported that honors students are meeting regularly, and she is pleased with their efforts to involve freshmen.

Only three high school teams (Cedar Creek, Neville, and Ouachita Christian School) have registered for the Quiz Bowl, so Mary Adams will re-contact schools who have not yet made a commitment and extend the application deadline. At least six teams are needed for the scheduled February 4, 2006, event.

Two recent recruitment opportunities were successful. Council members staffed the Honors Program table during all three days of Career Days (Oct. 31-Nov. 2) and the one-day Browse the Bayou (Nov. 5), both held at ULM. Three hundred brochures were handed out, and over 100 forms were filled out by prospective students. Forms will be scrutinized and prospective students who meet program qualifications will be contacted.

Kristel Wilson will present her senior Honors project entitled "The History of Black Music and Censorship" on Thursday, November 17, at 3 p.m. in 225 Brown Hall. Faculty, administrators, and students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Each of the self-study subcommittee chairpersons gave a progress report on their work to date. Council members discussed each aspect of the self study and offered helpful suggestions. Dr. Findley asked each chairperson to submit a written report to her by Thursday, Dec. 1.

Dr. Rubio was nominated and elected to become the next co-director of the Honors Council for the 2006-2007 year.

The next two council meetings will be held on December 5, 2005, and January 23, 2006, in the Library conference room at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goodwyn, Secretary