

## **Honors Committee Meeting Minutes May 4, 2016**

Committee Members in Attendance: Eunjoo Cho, Jennie Popp, Luke Howard, Thad Scott, Ken Korth, Godwin-Charles Ogbeide

Committee Members not in Attendance: Curt Rom, Mardel Crandall, Charles Rosenkrans, Donn Johnson, Nick Anthony, Jefferson Miller

Future Members in Attendance: Lisa Wood

Staff Present: Leslie Edgar, Jody Davis, Dentin Schwartz

### **Approval of Aprils Committee Minutes: (voted on and passed unanimously)**

- Minutes are to be placed on the website with next update.

### **Departmental Announcements:**

- Dr. Lisa Wood will be taking over Dr. Thad Scott's position as the CSES representative on the Honors Committee.
- Dr. Lanier Nalley will be taking over Dr. Jennie Popp's position as the AEAB representative on the Honors Committee.

### **Honors Student Timeline: (voted on and passed unanimously)**

- Discussion of Honors Student Timeline and form placement
- Submission deadlines.
  - Change of admit term to anticipated graduation term
- Forms
  - Removal of Mentor Responsibilities Contract
  - When students submit their proposal with form 2, they should provide a personal timeline and goals for deadlines.
- Timeline will be displayed on the website with next update
- Freshman in the fall will be held to these guidelines, deadlines and dates.

### **Honors Mentors and Honors Committee Responsibilities Lists:**

- One list of responsibilities/expectations for Honors mentors
- One list of responsibilities/expectations for the Honors Committee
  - For review and discussion
  - Mentor responsibilities will be noted on the website with next update

### **Orientation Packet Insert Discussion:**

- One insert for Honors students
- One insert for Non-Honors students
- One insert for parents
- All provide year-by-year milestones
  - Currently at the printers, to be finished in time for student orientations beginning June 7.

### **Honors Distinction Discussion:**

- Honors Distinctions could be established by thesis defense, grading of thesis hours, and grade point average.
- Establish a grading system for Honors Thesis Document.
- Distinction could be based off a score for your thesis defense.
  - Form 3 could have a scoring option in place of a pass/fail, scoring committee would decide Honors Distinction.
- Thesis document could be scored and factored into their distinction.

**Results:** No formal action taken.

### **Announcements:**

Student Mentors – 12 applications and will do interviews this week and next to make selection  
Honors Graduation Reception

- May 13, Gearhart Hall's Downstairs Lounge Area (room 130) 4-5 p.m.
- Catering Briar Rose – Light hors d'oeuvres
- Graduating Students and Mentors:
  - Paige Acklie, AEAB (Mentor: Jennie Popp)
  - Lauren Cambias, HESC (Mentor: Jamie Baum)
  - Jessalyn Kohn, CSES (Mentor: Thad Scott)
  - Jennifer Long, ANSC (Mentor: Ken Coffey)
  - Hannah Newberry, ANSC (Mentor: Rick Rorie)
  - Mitchell Pruitt, CSES (Mentor: Kim Smith)
  - Brittany Weir, ANSC (Mentor: Tom Yazwinski)
  - Justin Carroll, AECT (fall graduate) (Mentor: Don Johnson)
  - Lauren Presley, HESC (fall graduate) (Mentor: Hope Ballentine)

- Outstanding Thesis Competition

- Thank you to our judges: Jeff Miller, Rick Rorie, and Mary Savin
  - Lauren Ashley Cambias – Outstanding Thesis
  - Mitchell Lee Pruitt – Runner-up

- Bumpers College Commencement Ceremony

- May 14, Barnhill Arena beginning at 3:30 p.m. (arrive at 2:45 p.m.)
- Honors Mentors are asked to escort mentees across the stage in commencement

- Honors Research and Creative Grants

- 10 applications
- Reviews in and determining awards

- 2016 Outstanding Honors Faculty Mentor Award: Dr. Jennie Popp

- Nominated and selected by Honors Student Board
- Recognition at the Fall Faculty Reception
- \$1,500 stipend