

Honors Committee Meeting Minutes **August 15, 2016**

Committee Members in Attendance: Luke Howard, Jackie Mosley, Jeff Miller, Nick Anthony, Lisa Wood, Charles Rosenkrans

Committee Members not in attendance: Donn Johnson, Ken Korth, Lanier Nalley, John Clark

Staff in Attendance: Leslie Edgar, Jody Davis, Dentin Schwartz

Greetings/Departmental Announcements:

- Introductions from around the table
- Dr. Jackie Mosley will be taking over Dr. Crandall's position as the HESC-HDFS area representative. Representatives from AMPD and HNHI areas are to be named.

Chair Selection:

- Waiting to fill this position until voting is complete from faculty on moving the Honors committee from ad hoc to a standing committee; quorum not reached during May faculty meeting voting.
- Please continue to propose nominations for the Honors Committee Chair

Overview of Website:

- Recommendations from the Committee
 - Add a reapply tab for students who wish to rejoin the Honors Program
 - Meet the graduates tab
 - Move to perspective students tab as well
 - Include successful students' stories
 - How the Honors Program benefited the student
 - Remove the first advising photo
- Dentin will be sending a list of faculty in your respective departments/areas, please review the list and make any updates or recommendations on faculty in your department. Faculty will be listed on the Honors website under the "Select a Faculty Mentor" tab.
- If any faculty have photos of their mentees completing their undergraduate research or creative project, please send them to Dentin to be placed on the website.
- It is suggested that we create a video board that highlights our graduating seniors, something that can be read in less than 3 minutes. "Three Minute Thesis"
 - Students name
 - Thesis title
 - Faculty Mentor
 - Quotes
 - How the Honors Program has benefited the student

Mentor Program:

- An Honors Mentor Program has been established, consisting of seven mentors to help acclimate students enrolled in Honors Orientation.

- Honors Mentors: Samuel Goll, Victoria Maloch, Rachel Schaffhauser, Ashley Finney, Emily King, Sarah-Beth Delay, Mersady Redding
- The Honors Mentor program was designed to alleviate frustration for new honors students and build a comradery in our honors program.
- It is suggested that the rigor of orientation should be limited, so not to overwhelm students their first semester.

Direction of the Honors Committee and Honors Program:

- General discussion on needs

Announcements:

Carnival of Clubs – September 1, 5:30-7:00pm

Honors Faculty Mentor Review – September 14, 3:00 TBD

Study Abroad Information fair – September 20, 10:00am-2:00pm in the International Connections Lounge in the Arkansas Union.

IPO Information Fair – September 27, 3:30-5pm in the AFLS Atrium

Student thesis information session – September 29, TBA in Honors College