

Honors Committee Meeting Minutes October 13, 2016

Committee Members in Attendance: Luke Howard, Jackie Mosley, Jeff Miller, Nick Anthony, Lisa Wood, Charles Rosenkrans, Donn Johnson, Lauri Apple, Mechelle Bailey, Ken Korth,

Committee Members not in attendance: Lawton Nalley, John Clark

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

Greetings/Departmental Announcements:

- ANSC – Dr. Rosenkrans will be traveling to Panama
- HESC – Held their departmental Meet and Greet on October 10th, 8-9 students in attendance
- ESWS – One honors student will be defending
- PLPA – 4333 in the process of becoming an Honors Course
- AECT – Promoting AGED 3173 - Honors Research Methods and Proposal Development

Update of UNIV 1001/AFLS 1023H:

- Review of the AFLS 1023H Honors Perspectives
 - Dr. Edgar will be interviewing the Honors mentors for recommendations and improvements
 - Students dislike the modules required for UNIV 1001
 - Students believe they are too time consuming and some of the modules did not work.
 - Students believe that despite the modules they still view the class as important

Student Updates:

- On September 20, the Honors Program held a mandatory meeting to update students on the recent developments of the Honors Program. Students who did not attend this meeting were given the option to schedule a time with Dentin to review the requirements of the Honors Program. Six seniors have not submitted any forms and did not contact us and are in the process of being removed from the Honors Program.
- Graduating Honor Students:
 - Olivia Caillouet – HORT (Mentor: Curt Rom)
 - Olivia Hines – HORT (Mentor: John Clark)
 - Claire Strutzenberg – HDFS - (Mentor: Jacquelyn Mosley)
 - Matthew Thompson – ESWS (Mentor: Kristofor Brye)

Committee Chair Selection (voted on and passed unanimously):

Responsibilities of Honors Committee Chair include:

- Issuing a report at the monthly faculty council meeting
- Observing how the program compares to others across campus

- Looking at the bigger picture 3-5 years down the road
- Working with the Coordinator of the Honors Program to schedule meetings

Results: Dr. Charles Rosenkrans was unanimously chosen to serve as committee chair for the remainder of the 2016 calendar year.

SURF Grants:

- Students must have completed 40 credit hours to be eligible to apply
- Only two students per mentor are eligible to apply for SURF funding
- In the event of a group thesis, students need to apply individually, students will only be awarded individually
- The deadline to apply for a SURF grant October 20th

Other News:

- The Deadline for the Bumpers College Undergraduate Research Grant has been extended to October 20th at 5:00pm
- Promote the Bumpers College Meet and Greet on October 20th, encourage students and faculty members in your department to attend.
- Honors College Grants – Students can only apply for one grant a year
- Continue reviewing possible Honors Faculty mentors in your department and send information to Dentin to place on the website.
- Continue working with your departments to add additional honors courses

Announcements:

- Current Honors Mentors selected: Sarah-Beth Delay, Ashley Finney, Sam Goll, Emily King, Victoria Maloch, Mersady Redding, and Rachel Schaffhauser
- Graduate Assistant: Isabel Whitehead (AGRI 230) – Open hours for students to drop by thesis assistance (see website for times)
- 1st day of each month (Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan.) the Honors College will review faculty-led grants – encourage students to apply early
- AEAB Meet and Greet Oct. 13th (AGRI 218, 12:00 pm)
- Bumpers College Undergraduate Research and Creative Project Grant Proposals – Due Oct. 20th (open for all students)
- SURF grants due – Oct. 20th
- Fall faculty and student Meet and Greet – Oct. 20th at noon in AFLS Atrium
- Fall 2016 graduates must defend by Nov. 1 and final thesis submitted by Nov. 15
- Honors College Traditional Study Abroad Grants due – Nov. 14
- Honors College Airfare Study Abroad Grants due – Feb. 1 (only for summer programs)
- Reminder: Honors students can apply for one study aboard grant per year
- Honors Graduation Reception December 16th, 4:00 pm (HESC Commons)

