

University Honors Advisory Council
Minutes
17 September 2014

Present: Beckmann, S.; Belasen, A. (by phone); Crk, I.; Shustrin, K; Smallman, L; Springer, C;
Tucker, C; Voss, E; Ware, K.; Ruckh, E (chair)
Absent: Bell-Scriber, M; Berger, C; Dudley, M; Hecht, K; Roucka, T
Guests: Caveny, I; Toberman, I

I. Announcements

A. Scheduling: Summer 15 (1 HONS 320); AY15/16 (7 HONS 120, 4 HONS 320)

B. New Honors Student Evaluations (getting feedback from faculty currently teaching 120/320)

C. Meridian Retreat

The Council discussed the feedback that Meridian Scholars provided to the Director regarding their perception of the limits of the Honors Program; a wider discussion ensued regarding ways in which to improve advising for students and orientation for faculty teaching Honors seminars.

D. Meeting to add Honors information to Springboard (with Ryan Downey)

E. Website Work

The Council discussed the beginning phases of the work on the redesign of the honors webpage. In particular we discussed the possibility of writing a proposal to the Computer Science Department for their Senior Assignment to have a data analysis component added to the Honors webpage. The Council was asked to reflect on what sort of data might be useful to collect. The Director will continue to work closely with Dr. Crk on this possibility.

II. Approval of Minutes of 10 September 2014

Shustrin motioned approval of minutes of 10 Sept; Crk seconded. Minutes approved unanimously

III. Old Business

Continuation of Director's Presentation on Reform of Honors Program.

The Council continued a discussion of the Director's initial proposal for a redesign of the Honors Program. The Council affirmed the importance of initially thinking holistically and grandly about a redesign, well aware that we have to make pragmatic modifications later in the redesign process. The presentation and discussion were not completed; the Council will meet again in two weeks on 1 October.