

University Honors Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
24 January 2014

Present: Bell-Scriber, M.; Dudley, M.; Hecht, K.; Roucka, T.; Shustrin, K.; Smallman, L.;
Springer, C.; Ware, K; Ruckh, E. (chair)

Absent: Crk, I.

Seats unfilled: School of Business, Faculty Senate

I. Introductions (The members of the Council introduced themselves to each other.)

II. Announcements

The first finalist for the Directorship of the Honors Program, Dr. Jack Shelley-Tremblay will be on campus 27-28 January 2014; the Honors Advisory Council will have an opportunity to interview him from 2-3pm on Tuesday, 28 January 2014.

The Council discussed its regular meeting time for Spring 2014; it was decided we will meet 8.30-10am, every other Friday this semester.

The Chair discussed with the Council the major work before it during Spring 2014: to write a 'position paper' for the in-coming director that lays out an array of options for the development of the Honors Program given its current strengths and weaknesses, as well as an understanding of the wider University situation; to assist the interim Director in revising the Honors Program webpages.

III. New Business

A. Questions to be asked of the Finalists for the Director of the Honors Program.

The Council discussed a wide range of possible question to pose to the finalists and agreed on asking at least two dealing with how the finalists imagine working with the Council and with other stakeholders related to the Honors Program around the campus.

B. First Reading and Discussion of Draft Operating Papers

The Council had a wide-ranging and rich discussion of its draft operating papers. The discussion focused: on eligibility of voting members; on the responsibilities and function of the Council, and; on matters associated with electronic participation and proxy voting. The Council affirmed a strong sentiment that it should have a central role, along with the Director of the Honors Program, in all matters associated with the curriculum of the Honors Program.

C. 90C's for Honors 120 and Honors 320

Time did not permit a substantial discussion of these proposals from the interim Director. The Council will pick these issues up at its next regularly scheduled meeting, 7 February 2014, as New Business.

IV. Adjournment

Dr. Hecht motioned for adjournment; Dr. Roucka seconded; motion unanimously approved. The Council adjourned.