

University Honors Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
7 March 2014

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

I. Announcements

The Council welcomed Dr. Ariel Belasen, Assistant Professor of Economics and the representative of the School of Business. The Chair reported that he will meet with the Director of Advising in the afternoon to discuss advising procedures for Honors students.

II. Approval of Minutes of 21 February 2014

Minor modifications to the minutes of 21 February 2014 were made. Berger motioned for the minutes of 21 February 2014 to be approved; Springer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Old Business: Draft Operating Papers of the University Honors Advisory Council

The Council conducted the fourth reading of its draft operating papers. The Chair discussed revisions to the Operating Papers suggested by Dr. Thomas Jordan, Coordinator for Policy, Communication, and Issues of Concern. These revisions were suggested to highlight the decision-making role of the Council in relation to the curriculum of the Honors Program. The Council directed the Chair to make the necessary revisions. Further, more substantial revisions were discussed. In order to smooth the functioning of the council and augment the development of the Honors Program, Springer motioned to revise the Operating Papers so that the Director of the University Honors Program be the chair of the Committee; Smallman seconded. Discussion of this revision ensued. Motion to revise the operating papers, so that the Director of the Honors Program also be the Chair of the University Honors Advisory Council, carried unanimously. The Chair will make the necessary revisions.

IV. New Business

A. Request to Modify Courses (90C)

1. Honors 120

The Chair discussed with the Council the rationale for the course change for Honors 120, Honors Scholars Freshmen Seminar.

2. Honors 320

The Chair discussed with the Council the rationale for the course change for Honors 320, Honors Scholars Interdisciplinary Seminar. Minor editorial changes in the rationale were made. Changes to the proposed catalogue description were suggested. The Chair was directed to make these corrections/revisions.

Questions about the meaning and the consequence of changing ‘the schedule type’ of these two courses were asked. The Chair will seek information.

B. Request to Modify Policy (1H2)

The Chair discussed with the Council the rationale for the proposed revision for University Policy 1H2. The main reason for this policy change is to clean up some historical remnants in the policy from the earlier iteration of the University’s General Education Program. This modification is designed to allow the Director and the Council maximum flexibility moving forward in developing the Honors Program next year.

V. Adjournment

Roucka motioned to adjourn; Bell-Scriber seconded. Motion to adjourn unanimously carried.