

Honors Program Committee

Meeting – November 10, 2014, 2 pm – Honors Lounge – DuPont 210

Present – John Broome, Jackie Gallagher, Randall Helmstutler, Lynn Lewis, Kelli Slunt

Absent - Jennifer Pollack

### **New Business**

- 1) Courses to Fulfill the Research Methodology Course  
Motion to approve courses to fulfill the research methodology requirement
  - a) HISP 463 – Museum Design and Interpretation  
*Action approved to fulfill the Research Methodology requirement – effective Spring 2015*
  - b) HISP 469 – Lab in Preservation Planning  
*Action approved to fulfill the Research Methodology requirement – effective Spring 2015*
  
- 2) John reported that EDUC 440, listed on the list of courses for capstone courses for the honors program will only be offered through spring 2015. The list was altered to reflect this change in course offerings.
  
- 3) Discussion of honors designated course offerings. The honors program is still developing but there are trends emerging in terms of courses; students are reluctant to enroll in or have already completed courses that are HN designated and listed in the course offerings. There is an increased interest in contracting courses. This fluidity and flexibility is diluting the number of honors students in designated courses and is increasing the load of the faculty and honors program committee to create/approve contracts. The committee discussed the problems.

One solution is to revise the honors program curriculum to have common required courses for each year of the program. This would require a change in the curriculum and at this time, it may be premature to alter the curriculum.

The committee decided the following motion:

Beginning fall 2015, students will be required to fulfill the honors program requirements by enrolling in HN designated courses or by working with faculty who have existing approved honors contracts or are on the list of potential group contracts. A list of approved courses will

be disseminated each semester to the honors students. Under extenuating circumstances, students will be permitted to create an individual contract with permission of the honors program.

- 4) Resubmission of FSEMs – impact on HN FSEMs. For HN designated FSEMs that were proposed before Fall 2012, this is a small number of courses, if those courses are resubmitted to the FSEM committee, the proposal will also be sent to the honors program to insure that it still meets the honors program expectations.
- 5) New course proposals by the committee:
  - a) Research methods requirement – the committee discussed if we should propose a HONR course for those students who do not have a course in their discipline. The committee proposed creating a course, HONR 300, for transfer research methodology experiences, such as those from Euroscholars or other study abroad research experiences.
  - b) Honors Individual Study – HONR 491 – for potential honors research projects
- 6) Next meeting January 5, 2015 at 10 am to discuss applications for the honors program.