

Honors Program Committee

Meeting – February 6, 2015, 12 pm – Honors Lounge – DuPont 210

In attendance – Jackie Gallagher, Randall Helmstutler, Lynn Lewis, Jennifer Pollack, Kelli Slunt

Motion to approve minutes from January 5, 2015 - *action* - approved

New Business

Motion to Approve Student Contracts to designate a non-honors course as an HN course – effective Spring 2015:

The following individual or group of student course contracts were approved effective Spring 2015:

- a) ECON 351
- b) FSEM 100 K
- c) CPSC 230 (2 separate faculty/student course contracts)
- d) CPSC 270
- e) PSYC 100
- f) THEA 111
- g) SPAN 483A
- h) SPAN 328A
- i) PSCI 101
- j) MATH 115A
- k) ANTH 341
- l) COMM 370
- m) GEOG 240
- n) BIOL 203
- o) ENGL 375WW

The following contracts were not approved at this time and were returned to the student for clarification or additional information. The resubmission are due by Friday February 13, 2015.

- a) GEOG 102
- b) EESC 230
- c) CPSC 110
- d) COMM 209
- e) LING 101
- f) ENGL 251AA
- g) SPAN 202
- h) GEOG 326

- 2) Motion – to approve a course to fulfill the honors Research Methodology Course requirement - *Approved effective Spring 2015*
- 3) Motion – to approve a course to fulfill the honors Capstone Course Experience – *Approved effective Spring 2015*
- 4) Motion – to approve the Proposal for course to meet the Honors First-year seminar requirement – Climate Change and Energy Resources - Chuck Whipkey – *Approved effective Fall 2015.*
- 5) Keith Mellinger, QEP, asked the committee to discuss the standardization of the honors first-year seminar designations. It is confusing to some that we have both HONR 100 and FSEM 100 HN designations. When courses are proposed as HONR 100, there is not a non-honors component of that course (i.e. the FSEM 100 course), whereas the FSEM 100 HN courses are those courses that could be taught as either non-honors or honors course. One concern raised by the committee is that the HN designation does not appear on a student's transcript so that the HONR 100 course clearly indicates that it was an honors course. The committee decided that they are in favor of standardizing the courses, perhaps through switching the HONR 100 courses to FSEM 100 HN courses. Kelli agreed to contact Keith to inquire how this could be administratively handled. The committee also agreed that it would be appropriate for the registrar to investigate a way to make sure that the HN designation appears on student transcripts.
- 6) The committee decided to discuss approval of the resubmitted contracts electronically rather than by convening another meeting of the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Slunt

Director of Honors Program