

Honors Program Committee

Meeting – February 7, 2014, 1 pm – Honors Lounge – DuPont 219

Present – Laurie Abeel, Porter Blakemore, Jackie Gallagher, Lynn Lewis, Gary Richards, Kelli Slunt

- 1) Motion – to approve Proposals (Contracts) from Students to Designate Non-Honors Courses as Honors Courses.
  - a. Abigail Fleming – SOCG 304 – Social Stratification  
*Action: Approved for the Spring 2014 course*
  - b. Katherine Branum and Dana Bargh – PSYC 331 – Developmental Psych  
*Action: Approved for the Spring 2014 course*
  - c. Emily Piazza – BIOL 341 – Genetics  
*Action: Approved for the Spring 2014 course*
  - d. Natascha Zelloe – Chinese 102  
*Action: Approved for the Spring 2014 course*
  - e. Claire Merenda – ENGL 302A – Intro to Creative Writing  
*Action: Approved for the Spring 2014 course*
  - f. Girard Bucello – PSCI 387 – Security and Conflict Studies  
*Action: Not Approved – Proposal return to the student and faculty member requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements. – Resubmission requested by February 14, 2014.*
  - g. Zainab Imbabi – PSCI 355 – Politics of the Middle East and North Africa  
*Action: Not Approved – Proposal return to the student and faculty member requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements. – Resubmission requested by February 14, 2014.*
  
- 2) The committee discussed ways to modify/clarify the instructions on the curriculum forms for HN designation, including creating an interactive pdf form and to require very specific details about the differences between honors and nonhonors courses – not a global difference – list specific examples
  
- 3) Motion – to approve the following for Fall 2014 for HN designation
  - a. CPSC 405 – David Toth – co-listed course – HN/non HN in same section  
*Action: Not Approved – Proposal return requesting further clarification of how the HN course is different from the non-HN offering of the course. – Resubmission requested by February 14, 2014.*

Motion (continued) – to approve the following for Fall 2014 for HN designation

- b. SPAN 312 – Maria Bocaz-Leiva – Introduction to Literary Studies in Spanish  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
  - c. HIST 315 – Krystyn Moon – U.S. Immigration History  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
  - d. FSEM: Toys as History – Susan Ferbsebner  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
  - e. HIST 329, US History and Film – Jeff McClurken  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
  - f. HIST 471D, History of the Information Age – Jeff McClurken  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
  - g. BIOL 311 – Plant Ecology - Alan Griffith  
*Action: Not Approved – Proposal returned requesting further clarification of how the course will be meet the HN program expectations – Resubmission requested by February 14, 2014.*
  - h. BIOL 432 – Virology - Lynn Lewis  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
  - i. HONR 100M - Income Inequality: Catalyst for or [End of] the American Dream – Steve Greenlaw and Bob Rycroft  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
  - j. ECON 201 – Steve Greenlaw  
*Action: Not Approved – Proposal returned requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements without simply adding additional assignments. – Resubmission requested by February 14, 2014.*
  - k. ENGL 376 - Sex and Gender in Renaissance Drama – Maya Mathur  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
  - l. HIST 331, History of Ancient Greece – Bruce O’Brien  
*Action: Approved for the Fall2014 course*
- 4) Appeal letter from student – a student requested reconsideration of his dismissal from the Honors Program based on a GPA below the 2.7 probationary level.  
*Action: Not approved. The committee released a revised GPA policy effective spring 2014. Prior to this policy, students with a GPA below 3.2 were dismissed from the program.*
- 5) Deferred application for the honors program from William Gatens.  
*Action: Approved effective Feb 2014.*