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 Psyc
      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.
   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.

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.