

Honors Program Committee

Meeting – September 8, 2014, 2 pm – Honors Lounge – DuPont 210

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

Approval of minutes from August 18, 2014 - approved

New Business

1) Courses for HN designation

a) FSEM 100 - The Mathematics of Chaos – Spring 2015

Action approved to be HN designated – effective Spring 2015

b) PHYS 105 – University Physics I – Fall 2015

The proposal submitted to the committee was for PHYS 105 only and was worded as a course to be co-listed as HN and non-HN within the same section.

Action approved to be co-listed as HN and non-HN designated course – effective Fall 2015.

If the intent was to offer the course as entirely HN designated, the committee requests that the course proposal be resubmitted to reflect this decision.

2) Courses to Fulfill the Research Methodology Course

a) HISP 461 – Laboratory in Building in Forensics

Action approved to fulfill the Research Methodology requirement – effective Fall 2014

3) Student Contracts to designate a non-honors course as an HN course – Fall 2014

a) SOCG 334 – Kate Tsagronis

Action approved – effective Fall 2014

b) MATH 312 – Amy Bowden

Action approved – effective Fall 2014

4) Request from a student to postpone service learning to third-year

Action – denied – Honors Program Committee suggests that the student develop a service learning project out of her involvement with COAR.

- 5) Discussion of honors program curriculum and low enrollment in some HN designated courses. The committee discussed the current course offerings and enrollments. It was decided that there is not enough data to make recommendations or changes to the curriculum at this time. The program needs to reach full capacity and be fully established before further discussions about the curriculum can occur. For some low enrolled courses, it is suggested that faculty consider offering a co-listed course with honors students fulfilling a separate set of course requirements in order to receive the HN designation.

- 6) Policy for mentoring requirement – this is the first semester of incorporating the honors mentoring requirement and some students are finding that their assigned first-year mentees are not responding to their communications. The committee discussed ways to encourage participation in this program.