

Minutes of the Honors Program Committee
Wednesday September 19, 2012 – 1 pm – ELS Mansion Conference Room

Present – Laurie Abeel, Porter Blakemore, Jackie Gallagher, Teresa Kennedy, Kelli Slunt

Absent– Suzanne Sumner (comments provided by email)

Approval of minutes from September 6th – approved.

Old Business

- 1) Resubmitted Course Proposals
 - a. HONR100 – Steve Harris – Russian Novel
Action: Approved –Effective Spring 2013 - Course Number will be HONR100F

- 2) Service Learning Course Proposal – committee approves of the changes to the course proposal and to the change to a 1 credit course. The proposal will now be sent to the Center for Leadership, Honor, and Service for their approval. After approval by the center, the proposal will be sent to the University Curriculum Committee for approval as a new course and to the General Education Committee for approval as an experiential learning course.

New Business

- 3) Course Proposals
 - a. HONR100 – Teri Kennedy – The Grail Legend – a question was raised about the weighting of assignments. Teri will send a revised copy to the committee for its records.
Action: Approved –Effective Spring 2013 - Pending Approval of the Course by the FSEM Committee as it is an FSEM - Course Number will be HONR100G

- 4) Contract-Based Learning Proposals
 - a. Rachel Youmans – FSEM – Feminism from the Second Wave until the Present
Action: Approved –Effective immediately
 - b. Jerome Mueller - Introductory To Cultural Anthropology
Action: Not Approved at the meeting – Electronic copy of the proposal did not include the rationale for the proposal. Kelli Slunt will distribute a scanned copy of the rationale by email and the committee will vote by email.
 - c. Katherine Johnston – FSEM - Race and Revolution: James Farmer and the Struggle for Civil Rights
Action: Not Approved – Proposal returned to faculty member requesting further clarification of course requirements.
how will the honors student work be different – request resubmission

Other Business - The committee discussed the number of contract-based experiences that should be allowed for each student in order to fulfill the requirements of the honors program. The educational

experience involved in participating in the classroom with other honors students cannot occur in a non-honors course that is designated as HN with contract work. The committee believes that only one contact-based learning experience is appropriate but due to limited course offering at this time feels that up to two contract-based experiences would be allowed for honors student. It is the recommendation of this committee that in a few years the usage of the contract-based learning and number of available courses be reexamined.

In addition, the committee recommends that the year-end reflection for the honors students include five pieces of advice for incoming honors students. This will provide reflection on the educational experience and will provide guidance for new honors students.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Slunt

Director of Honors Program

Addendum to Meeting

The committee decided by email to approve Jerome Mueller - Introductory To Cultural Anthropology – contract to make the course HN