

**Minutes of the Honors Program Committee**  
**Thursday September 6, 2012 – 4 pm – Jepson 313**

*Present* –Laurie Abeel, Jackie Gallagher, Teresa Kennedy, Kelli Slunt, and Suzanne Sumner

*Absent* – Porter Blakemore (comments provided by email)

**A. New Business**

- 1) Course Proposals – *Motion* to designate the following courses as Honors Courses – will bear the HN designation
  - a. SPAN 205 – Intensive Intermediate Spanish - Marisa Martinez-Mira  
*Action: Approved* –Effective Spring 2013
  - b. CHEM112 – General Chemistry II – Ray Scott  
*Action: Approved* – Effective Spring 2013
  - c. HIST 122 – History of Western Civilization II – Steve Harris  
*Action: Not Approved* – *Proposal returned to faculty member requesting further clarification of course requirements.*
  - d. BIOL 126 – Phage Hunters II – Lynn Lewis, Kathy Loesser-Casey  
*Action: Approved* – Effective Spring 2013
  - e. IDIS 300F – Great Lives – Bill Crawley  
*Action: Approved* – Effective Spring 2013
  - f. GEOG 102 – Intro to Human Geography – Dawn Bowen  
*Action: Approved* – Effective Spring 2013
  - g. ENGL202D – Writing about Medicine – Marie McAllister  
*Action: Approved* – Effective Spring 2013
  - h. CHEM212 – Organic Chemistry II – Janet Asper  
*Action: Approved* – Effective Spring 2013
- 2) Course Proposals for HONR100 Courses – *Motion* to designate the following courses to fulfill the HONR 100 First-Year Seminar Requirement
  - a. HONR100 – The Russian Novel - Steve Harris  
*Action: Not Approved* – *Proposal returned to faculty member requesting further clarification of course requirements.*
  - b. HONR100 – Scientific Controversies in the Media – Melanie Szulczewski  
*Action: Approved* – Effective Spring 2013 – Course Number will be HONR100D
  - c. HONR100 – Participatory Play – Games without Walls – Mary Kayler  
*Action: Approved* , Pending Approval of the Course by the FSEM and Curriculum Committees as it is a new course– Effective Spring 2013 – If approved by other committees will be HONR100E
- 3) Contract-Based Learning Proposals
  - a. Motion – To approve Edward Dillon’s application to receive HN designation for RELG 101 Intro to World Religions

*Action: Not Approved – Proposal return to the student and faculty member requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements and how it will differ from the non-honors course.*

- 4) Service Learning Course Proposal – The committee briefly discussed a proposal that will be submitted from the Honors Program Committee in conjunction with the Center for Leadership, Honor and Service. This course will fulfill the second-year requirement of the honors program for service learning. The proposal will be revised to have the final report due on the last day of class rather than the last day of final exam week. In addition, more details about the required reflective essay will be included (i.e. recommended 3-4 pages in length and that the student should focus on quality statements that demonstrate the impact of the work.

Our next meeting will be held during the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> – to be scheduled by email. At this meeting we will consider any resubmitted proposals and contract-based learning proposals which are due by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Slunt

Director of Honors Program