

Honors Program Committee

Meeting – September 20, 2013, 1 pm – Honors Lounge – DuPont 210

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

Approval of minutes from September 9, 2013 - approved

Old Business

- 1) Motion – to designate the following courses for Spring 2014 for HN designation - Resubmission
 - a. Honors First-Year Seminar Course – Equality in America: From Thomas Jefferson to Blue Jeans – Eric Gable
Action – approved to be HN designated – effective Spring 2014.

New Business

- 1) Motion – Courses to Fulfill the Research Methodology Course – the following courses will fulfill the Research Methodology Course requirement for Honors Students. These courses do not need to bear an HN designation to fulfill this requirement. *Action: Approved effective Spring 2014.*
 - a. AMST201
 - b. HIST 298

- 2) Motion – Proposals (Contracts) from Students to Designate Non-Honors Courses as Honors Courses.
 - a. Calliann Burkett – MATH 201
Action: Approved for the Fall 2013 course.
 - b. Maggie Beglau – GEOG 327
Action: Not Approved – Proposal return to the student and faculty member requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements without simply adding additional assignments. – Resubmission requested by September 25, 2013.
 - c. Margaret Chenault – PHIL 225
Action: Approved for the Fall 2013 course.
 - d. Catrina Meyer – CPSC 110
Action: Approved for the Fall 2013 course.
 - e. Kathryn Tsagronis – PSYC 333
Action: Approved for the Fall 2013 course.

- f. Katherine Qualls – FSEM 100A3
Action: Approved for the Fall 2013 course
- g. Austen Weathersby – FSEM 100A3
Action: Approved for the Fall 2013 course
- h. Richard Dragone – FSEM 100A3
Action: Approved for the Fall 2013 course
- i. Kimberly Rhyne and Rachel Tiemann – FSEM100H4-01
Action: Not Approved – Proposal return to the student and faculty member requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements without simply adding additional assignments. – Resubmission requested by September 25, 2013.
- j. Lindsay Nebhut – GEOG 101
Action: Not Approved – Proposal return to the student and faculty member requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements without simply adding additional assignments. – Resubmission requested by September 25, 2013.
- k. Dahlia Somers – ANTH 101
Action: Not Approved – Proposal return to the student and faculty member requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements. The provided rationale was too vague and unclear – Resubmission requested by September 25, 2013.
- l. Kathryn Hall – PHIL 151B
Action: Not Approved – Proposal return to the student and faculty member requesting further clarification of how the course will meet the HN requirements without simply adding additional assignments. – Resubmission requested by September 25, 2013.
- m. Zaire Sprowal – ANTH 299
Action: Approved for the Fall 2013 course

3) Discussed Course Proposals to Submit to Curriculum Committees

- a. HONR001 – Mentoring
- b. HONR002 – Leadership
- c. HONR003 – Co-Curricular Activities – clarify in proposal that this is a check off after the eight are completed

Action: Approved – Kelli will submit to appropriate committees.

4) GPA Policy for Honors Program Proposal – see attached proposed policy for GPA.

Action: Approved effective spring 2014.

- 5) The committee approved a motion to form a Student Advisory Committee for Honors Program Proposal. Attached are the guidelines for the committee.

Other Business

Laurie presented to the committee an opportunity for the honors students to participate in Destination Imagination. It was decided that Laurie she consider offering this as a service learning opportunity for HONR 201 in the spring semester. Kelli sent Laurie applicable information for her to consider. The students could fulfill this requirement by serving as appraisers or mentors or by forming their own team and competing in the service learning challenge.

Meeting adjourned at 2 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Slunt

Director of Honors Program

Motion to Change the Minimum GPA for the Honors Program

Effective Spring 2014

The UMW Honors Program expects participants to retain a high academic standard throughout their college careers. The academic record is reviewed at the end of each semester to make sure that students maintain a strong cumulative grade point average. A student falling below the required GPA will be placed on probation unless a student drops below the probation GPA which results in dismissal from the program.

Table of Minimum Cumulative GPA

Classification (Based on entry into the university not credits)	Min. Cumulative GPA	Probation GPA	Dismissal GPA
Freshman	3.0	2.7 – 2.99	2.69 or lower
Sophomore	3.0	2.7 – 2.99	2.69 or lower
Junior	3.2	3.0 – 3.19	2.99 or lower
Senior	3.2	No probation	3.19 or lower

Probation Period

Students on probation may remain in the Honors Program if the GPA in the semesters following probation is at least a 3.2, until the cumulative GPA is raised to the minimum value in the table above.

Dismissal

Once a student is dismissed from the Honors Program they may not be reinstated into the program.

Rationale for the Motion

Students entering college studies often need a grace period to adapt to the rigors of university-level academics. It is the goal of the honors program to promote a community of high achievers and academic rigor but the committee also does not want to create a high-stress environment. During the first-year of the program, a majority of the students maintained the 3.2 GPA but there were a few who were automatically dismissed for GPAs between 3.1 and 3.19. The committee would like to offer a little more flexibility in the college adjustment period for these talented students. In addition, a policy of staggered GPA requirements is in line with numerous honors programs at other institutions.

Student Advisory Committee for the UMW Honors Program (SACHP)

Purpose

The Student Advisory Committee for the UMW Honors Program is established to provide Honors Scholars with an avenue for reporting concerns, suggestions, and/or policies impacting the Honors Scholars to the UMW Honors Program Committee.

Membership

Members – SACHP shall be comprised of 6 Honors Scholars in good standing who will represent the entire student body of the Honors Program. One member from each class will be selected and the remaining 2 slots will be held by at-large positions. The Director of the Honors Program (or a member of the Honors Program Committee) will serve as an *Ad Hoc* member of the SACHP.

Selection of Members – each spring, the Director of the Honors Program will solicit volunteers to serve on the SACHP from the sophomore, junior, and senior class. Each class must have at least one representative on the board. The Director of the Honors Program will hold an election in which each class will select their representative. All Honors Scholars will be invited to select the members of the SACHP and the appointment will be made based on majority vote. Following the selection of the class representatives, an at large election will be held to select the two remaining members of the board. The member from the Freshman class will be selected through the same process but during the beginning of the subsequent fall semester. Each appointment member shall serve one year terms and are eligible for reappointment.

In the event of a vacancy, the Director of the Honors Program should appoint, by majority vote of the honors scholars, a replacement.

All members of the SACHP are expected to attend the advisory board meetings. Any member is eligible to serve a leadership role on the board.

Chair – elected by the membership – this individual will report directly to the Director of the Honors Program. The chair will organize the agendas for the SACHP meetings, will disseminate information about the meetings to the SACHP, and if necessary will attend the Honors Program Committee meetings.

Secretary – elected by the membership – this individual will prepare all correspondences related to the SACHP, especially minutes. The minutes of the SACHP should be supplied to the Honors Program Committee within one week of an SACHP meeting.

Role

The SACHP should meet monthly to plan activities of the Honors Program, to discuss policies or concerns of the Honors Scholars, to promote academic programming for the scholars, and to uphold the values of the Honors Program.

