

Honors Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 6, 2019

4:00 pm

Hurley Convergence Center, Room 310

Present: Jennifer Barry (CAS; via Skype), Mindy Erchull (CAS) Leanna Giancarlo (CAS), Don Lee (CAS), Jessica Self (CAS). *Ex officio*: Amanda Ronay (office manager and Honors Program coordinator) and Kelli Slunt (CAS).

- 1) Election of officers for the fall 2019 semester.
 - a. Don Lee nominated as committee chair.
 - i. Action: Approved.
 - b. Amanda Ronay nominated as committee secretary.
 - i. Action: Approved.
- 2) Approval of minutes from February 22, 2019, and action items from February 22, 2019, and March 27, 2019.
 - a. Action: Approved.
- 3) Consideration of proposed changes by the University Faculty Organization Committee to the Honors Program Committee section (2.8.5) to the Faculty Handbook.
 - a. Action: Approved.
- 4) Discussion of the electronic meeting policy.
 - a. Meetings will take place electronically for the following purposes:
 - i. Consideration of student proposals on Canvas.
 - ii. Occasions when the committee is unable to meet in person.
- 5) Discussion of changes to the Honors Program section of the Undergraduate Catalog regarding co-curricular event reflection submissions.
 - a. Action: Kelli Slunt will clarify the language regarding physical presence at UMW, as well as the term "Honors scholar" to avoid ambiguity with departmental honors.
- 6) Consideration of three proposals for Honors credit for transfer students
 - a. Action: Two proposals were approved. Kelli Slunt will seek clarification from the student on the third proposal.
- 7) Consideration of new Honors course proposals
 - a. MUHL 376 (Music History II: Narratives and Ideologies), Brooks Kuykendall.
 - i. Action: Kell Slunt to ask Dr. Kuykendall for clarification regarding the differentiation of Honors and non-Honors assignments.
 - b. WGST 101 (Introduction to Women's Studies), Kate Haffey
 - i. Action: Approved
 - c. ANTH 344 (Urban Theory and Ethnography), Jason James
 - i. Action: Approved
- 8) Consideration of a student's proposal to use MATH 491 as a Research Methods course.
 - a. Action: Approved
- 9) Update on the Honors Program
 - a. 102 Honors freshmen were admitted in fall 2019. Eighty of the freshmen participated in City as Text.

- b. Three transfer students were admitted in fall 2019 (two from the University of Massachusetts, one from Western Carolina University).
 - c. No students have been admitted via the articulation agreements with community colleges.
 - d. The Honors Program has moved to a new space (Lee 307). The new space is popular with the students. An open house will take place September 18, 2019.
 - e. Mara Scanlon revised the Honors website.
 - f. The inaugural Honors Advisory Board meeting took place on August 20, 2019. The Board formed subcommittees for fundraising, outreach, and board relations.
- 10) Other business
- a. Don Lee will seek a replacement committee member for Jessica Self, who will be on leave from the University during the spring 2020 semester.
- 11) Next meeting date: To be determined. Student capstone proposals and course proposals submitted by faculty will be considered via an electronic meeting.