

Honors and Scholars Council Minutes
April 18, 2018, 1:30-2:50
Education 306

Present: Angie Capece, Peter Debaecke, Linda Dempf (recorder, chair), Stephanie Sen, Glenn Steinberg, Wayne Heisler

Absent: Jordan Draper, Dixit Malatesta, Amit Rana

Minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting were approved.

CAP updates (Linda)

The Committee on Academic Programs (CAP) sent out a survey to gather campus-wide feedback about our proposal of raising the Honors GPA to minimum requirement of 3.25 after students' fourth semester, and 3.5 by the time of graduation. CAP is also reviewing the two documents that we submitted that clarify the process for Honors Projects and Honors by Contract.

Honors Coordinator updates (Stephanie)

The Honors presentation at Accepted Students Day was a success. So far, there are 30 confirmed incoming Honors students for Fall 2018, the final number of Honors students is still to be determined. The Honors Banquet will be held on May 2nd. There has not been a great deal of student response to the call for presenting at an Honors Specific session at Celebration of Student Achievement in the 5-6 pm hour. If there are not enough responses, Stephanie will arrange stickers for individual Honors students' posters instead. Stephanie reported that Kit was agreeable to the HSC submitting a two-step plan/response to the Honors external review.

The group finalized its response to Honors external review. Linda thanked everyone for their work editing the document.

Action item: Linda will finalize edits that were discussed and send the document to Kit.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to revision of the Honors Pillars, working from the draft that Stephanie had started.

Action item: In the next week or so, everyone is to review the draft of the Pillars, Mission and Goals, and add their comments in the google doc. Then the week or so before our next meeting (on May 9), everyone can look at the document again to review all of the comments.

We will not meet on May 2nd, due to Celebration of Student Achievement. The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 9. Linda will send out a doodle poll to see what time works for the most people.