Minutes

Commonwealth Honors College Council
Friday, March 14, 2014


**Minutes:**

Minutes from the February 14, 2014, were approved.*

(*A minor modification was made to the New Business item removing the words “asked to” following “Council members” and adding the letter “d” at the end of the word “provide.”)

**Announcements**

From CHC Council chair *(Julian Tyson)*

- Chancellor will be visiting the CHC Council meeting on April 11.
- Thank you to Cory and Meredith for input and assistance with programs offered through CHC.

From Faculty Senate secretary *(Ernie May)*

- Summary of issues to be covered at upcoming Faculty Senate meetings.

**New Business**

1. Honors Course Approval: Communication 499C/D, Popular Culture and Cultural Production *(Meredith Lind).* **Unanimously Approved.**

2. Responsibility Center Management Update by relevant representatives on other councils *(Richard Bogartz & Alex Phillips)*

   Handouts discussed. UMass Amherst will be implementing a “customized model” of Responsibility Center Management budgeting system beginning in Fall 2015. Honors courses could be impacted by the new budgeting system. Council will take up conversation with the Chancellor at the next council meeting. Thank you to Alex Phillips for his presentation.

**Old Business**

Updates from Dean *(Daniel Gordon)*

- First-generation recruitment initiative is working very well. Approximately 100 students applied and were accepted to CHC; nearly half were ALANA students. Initiative is moving in the right direction.

Updates from CHC Council Chair *(Julian Tyson) – None*

Honors Writing Initiative *(Julian Tyson)*

- Attachments (handouts) explained. The proposed rubric is not the “standard” but is one that will work. For all instructors: Greater awareness of student writing must be implemented. Fall
2014 and Spring 2015 faculty to be notified of the plan. The community as well as the Director of the Writing Program is supportive of the ascent of the writing initiative.

• The Council is in favor of distributing the materials to honors instructors.

Any Other Business

Committee Reports

Course (M. Lind) – Assessment of 499 course in process.

Program (J. Tyson) – None

Policy (C. Pols) – Committee will be reviewing good standing policy.

Academic Standards (C. Pols) – Committee will meet before next Council meeting.

Reports from CHC Council Representatives on other Councils – History 365 is slated for permanent course status. Honors version of course is taught by new honors joint faculty in History.

Next Meeting:

Friday 4/11/2014, 12:20pm – Campus Center, Room 903