

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
COMMONWEALTH HONORS COLLEGE (CHC) COUNCIL

Minutes

Date       September 19, 2014, 12:20–2:00 PM
Location   Commonwealth Honors College Building, Room 160, Events Hall – East

Introductions of Council Members – List on Faculty Senate Website

Election of Chairperson – (re-elected) Julian Tyson

Remarks by Interim Dean, Daniel Gordon –

• Thank you to Council (old and new members) for help with CHC policy-setting
• Update on largest incoming freshman CHC class and growth of CHC.
• Update on $300/Sem fee and ongoing discussions on its use/scholarships
  o More effective information/communication to all involved needed.
• Need to streamline CHC policies/procedures that have evolved over decades of Honors College needs and growth.

Approve Minutes of 5/2/14

See attached file (CHC_Council_Minutes_050214) – Approved

Announcements

CHC Council meeting schedule, AY2014-15

09/19/2014 – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East
10/10/2014 – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East
11/14/2014 – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East
12/5/2013 – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East

2/13/2015 – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East
3/13/2015 – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East
4/10/2015 – Campus Center, Room 804-08
5/1/2015 – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East

Committee Assignments: Course, Program, Policy, Academic Standards
• Course and Program committees combined into one committee.

CHC Council Representatives to Other Councils: Academic Priorities, Academic Matters, Program and Budget, General Education, Research
• R. Bogartz, M. Lind, D. Flaherty, J.K. Crocker, J. Tyson (respectively)
Honors Course Approval Process (J. Tyson)
• Moving to web-based system – online (link on Faculty Senate website, www.umass.edu/senate)

Incoming CHC Student Profile – handout of preliminary numbers provided (J. Tyson on behalf of M. Lind who was not present)

New Business

AY2013-14 CHC Council Annual Report and Oct. 9 Faculty Senate Meeting – handouts provided (J. Tyson)
• Susan Whitbourne will represent CHC Council at this meeting.

Special Committee to Assess General Studies Honors Portion of CHC Curriculum (D. Gordon)
• To be established

Old Business

Committee Reports

Course and Program – (no current reports)

Policy (C. Pols)
• Thank you for “Good Standing” to committee members for policy revision assistance throughout Spring 2014 and finalization by email prior to June implementation: R. Bogartz, J. Rinderle, D. Bargen, J. Tyson

Academic Standards (C. Pols)
• Met five times since April 2014; thank you to K. Tremblay, E. Dundon, T. Lang, I. Castenada, L. Troy, G. Wyse, H. Peelle
• 574 contracts reviewed and registered
• Honors Thesis proposal process
• “Exemplary Thesis” resource

Reports from CHC Council Representatives on other Councils
• Academic Priorities Council (R. Bogartz) – Faculty advisory councils for resource allocations in each college

Next Meeting
Friday 10/10/2014, 12:20pm – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East