Minutes

Commonwealth Honors College Council
Friday, April 8, 2011


Announcements:

1. J. Tyson sat in for D. Flaherty as council chair for this meeting.
2. Minutes from the March 4, 2011 meeting were unanimously accepted.
3. CHC Daffodil Lecture, Awards Banquet and Undergraduate Research Conference dates were announced. See CHC website for details; registration for the Daffodil Lecture and Awards Banquet are still open.
4. Honors Research Grant and Research Assistant Fellowship online application system (FGS) is now in place. 25 students have already registered. Due date for applications is April 19, 2011. Committee members are encouraged to share information with potential faculty sponsors and students.

Old Business:

1. Policy and Course Committee members are still needed.

New Business:

1. Role of Honors Program Directors: (P. Clarkson, C. Pols)
   Handout was distributed to committee members defining the role of Honors Program Directors. C. Pols is available to help new HPD’s who have questions. Monthly HPD newsletters are sent by email and are available on the CHC website; these newsletters contain helpful information for HPD’s. Web address: http://www.honors.umass.edu/resources/faculty-and-staff/observer.

   Action: Informational.

2. Types of Honors Courses: (P. Clarkson, C. Pols)
   Handout was distributed to committee members defining each type of honors course – e.g., stand-alone honors courses, honors colloquia add-ons, graduate-level courses, etc.

   Action: Informational.

   Handout was distributed to committee members that explains Honors distinction categories. The Multidisciplinary Honors Faculty Mentor Contract form is designed to ensure that prospective Multidisciplinary Honors students have faculty mentors before applying and that they will have guidance to prepare them for their capstone experiences.

   **Action:** Informational.

**Committee Reports:**

**Course Committee: (M. Lind)**

1. New Econ honors faculty member was asked to design a capstone course to be offered in time for Fall 2011. Instructor to work with Course Committee in order to develop a proposal that can be brought to the next CHCC meeting for approval.

   **Action:** Informational.

**Program Committee: (D. Gordon, S. Whitbourne)**

1. Nothing to report.

**Policy Committee: (J. Rinderle)**

1. Nothing to report.

**NEXT MEETING:** 5/6/11, 12:20 – 2:00 PM – Goodell Building, room 406A *note room location