Minutes

Commonwealth Honors College Council
Friday, May 6, 2011


Announcements:
1. Minutes from the April 8, 2011 meeting were unanimously accepted.
2. The Commonwealth Honors College Council has been approved as a formal council by the Faculty Senate.
3. Honors Research Grant and Research Assistant Fellowship applications to be delivered to reviewers, electronically and paper copies, by next week.
   D. Lapointe explained how the online application system works.
   Faculty members should be on the lookout for electronic (email) invitations to assign reviewers.
   Reviews are due back June 1, 2011.
   Any questions or concerns should be directed to Debra Lapointe, phone: 7-0729, email: dlapointe@honors.umass.edu.
4. Proposal for graduation with General Education Honors Studies was approved by Faculty Senate.
   Handout passed out by C. Pols.

New Business:
1. Ad Hoc committee in order to develop guidelines for Honors courses is in need of volunteers.
   D. Gerber volunteered. D. Flaherty to send email invitation to committee members individually.
   Suggestion was made to take a look at how the residential halls should be incorporated into the CHC matrix; how they will have access to CHC faculty and programs.
   J. Lenzi has information on RAP programs.
   Information should be incorporated into the HPD newsletter.
   
   Action: Informational. M. Lind and D. Lapointe to search for all Honors course syllabi (past and present) to present to committee members.
2. Course Approval:
   ECON 499C/D: Capstone Course; ‘People and Environment: Theory and Practice’.
   
   Action: Unanimously Approved for 1 year.
Committee Reports:

Course Committee:

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. International Studies Certificate (University-wide) being developed in accordance with the International Programs Office.
   Will have more information in Fall ’11.

Policy Committee: (C. Pols)

1. Chart passed out to committee members. Working on making language clearer for Integrative Experience Requirement.

   Action: Informational.

NEXT MEETING: 9/9/11, 12:20 – Campus Center room 804-08.