Minutes

Commonwealth Honors College Council
Friday, December 10, 2010


Announcements:

1. Minutes from November 12, 2010 meeting were accepted.


3. Review of spring meeting dates. The chair will be asked to consider possible changes to March and May meeting dates.

4. It had been previously determined that Faculty Senate rules allow non-council members to be members of sub-committees. M. Lind to design email to Honors Program Directors inviting them to join sub-committees.

New Business:

1. Presentation on CHC background (P. Clarkson, C. Pols)
   Handout with materials explaining the CHCC, annual report and honors curriculum. Committee members were encouraged to look through materials. Materials will also be available upon request to all committee members who were not present at this meeting.
   *Kudos to Cory for getting all the materials together!
   Action: Informational.

2. Draft report on the establishment of the CHCC (D. Flaherty)
   Draft report distributed at meeting. Council members’ comments and suggested revisions to be gathered by email, so that the report will be ready for Council vote at meeting of February 11, 2011.
   Action: Second draft will be distributed to all members by email.

3. Honors Student Registration (P. Clarkson)
   Parents have contacted CHC regarding a registration problem: first-year freshmen who have a high number of Advance Placement credits are prevented from enrolling in required freshmen courses because SPIRE views them as sophomores, or sometimes juniors. Approximately 90 courses restrict enrollment to freshmen only.
   J. Lenzi will begin working with the Undergraduate Deans Council to seek a solution and work with departments. E. May will invite P. Clarkson to upcoming meeting of the Rules Committee to explain the issue.
P. Clarkson will present the issue to the Provost and will bring it to a meeting of the Dean’s Council.
**Action:** Update committee members at next meeting.

4. Proposal for change in naming conventions (P. Clarkson)
   Rationale and motion for change from “Scholar” to “Honors” was provided; the motion would result in the following designations: General Studies Honors, Departmental Honors, Multidisciplinary Honors, and Commonwealth Honors College Scholar.
   **Action:** Unanimously approved to change previously approved General Studies Scholar to General Studies Honors and forward to Faculty Senate for final approval.

**Committee Reports:**

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

1. SOCIOL 499 C/D – Course description was provided to committee members (full course materials available upon request).
   **Action:** Unanimously approved for 3 iterations.

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

1. Nothing to report.

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

1. Nothing to report.

**NEXT MEETING:** 2/11/11, 12:20 – 2:00 PM – Campus Center room 804-08

Note: meeting locations have been changed to the following:

3/11/11- Campus Center room 904-08**note room location
4/8/11- Campus Center room 905-09**note room location
5/13/11- Campus Center room 804-08