Minutes

Date       April 10, 2015, 12:20
Location   Campus Center Room 804-08

Approve Minutes of 2/13/15

Minutes from February 13, 2015, were unanimously approved.
Note: March 13, 2015, meeting was cancelled.

Announcements

Updates from Dean (Daniel Gordon)

Admissions:
The target entering CHC freshman class for Fall 2015 is 750 students. The goal is increase geographic, ethnic and scholastic diversity. Jim Roche, Associate Provost of Enrollment Management, invited faculty to read applications this year.

• Housing:
Housing selection for Fall 2015, which began in March, provides the option of honors housing for all CHC students. Residence halls in Southwest Area now include honors house: floors in Melville have been designated for additional first-year CHC student housing and in John Adams for CHC sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Faculty Fellows working on what makes an honors residential experience within the two Southwest Area residence halls.

• Curriculum:
More sections of “Ideas that Changed the World” are needed. A faculty pool search of temporary lecturers is being established.
The Spire Academic Requirements Report is being implemented for CHC requirements. Clarity and rigor of academic standards for honors colloquia and add-on courses; suggestion for developing generalized standards and guidelines; recommend future discussion with new dean.

Updates from CHC Council Chair (Julian Tyson)

• CHC Council Membership expanded to include one CHC lecturer: Susan Ware.
New Business
Thesis experience course 3-year approval: Political Science 499C/D, Honors Thesis Seminar: Energy and Global Politics, 8 cr. (4+4) (Meredith Lind)

*Action*: Unanimously approved with one amendment to change the last sentence (within the course description) to “Prior statistics experience may be helpful, but *is* not required.”

Old Business
CHC Budget Matters (*Daniel Gordon*) Handout

*Action*: For further consideration once the principles proposed by the Program and Budget Council to the Academic Priorities Council have been approved.

Other Business
• New Spire scheduling format for honors colloquia: The changes to the way in which students will be credited for participation in one-credit honors colloquia (add-ons to existing courses) were discussed in some detail. The wide variety in the current practice makes standardization a challenge for some departments. Departments should discuss possible changes to the way courses are handled with Meredith Lind.

Committee Reports
Course and Program (*Meredith Lind*)

• Emergency situation arose in ECON.
  *Action*: New Econ 499C/D approved using the ‘fast track method.’ Full review of the course will take place in Fall 2015.

Policy (*C. Pols*)

None

Academic Standards (*C. Pols*)

• Actively collecting contract courses.
• Will have more meetings prior to end of the semester.

Reports from CHC Council Representatives on other Councils

• Academic Priorities Council (*Richard Bogartz*)
  Discussion of campus wide resource allocation program.

• Academic Matters Council (*M. Lind*)
  New certificate review process approved, and ISP Director notified regarding impact on ISP Certificate.

• General Education Council (*John Lenzi*)
  Provost attended last council and expressed interest in curriculum review.

Next Meeting
Friday 5/1/2015, 12:20 pm – CHC, Room 160, Events Hall – East