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## Honors Committee Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2007

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Minutes of the University Honors Committee  
September 21, 2007

Committee Chair Tom Traynor called the meeting to order at 12:30 in 238 Millett Hall. Attending were Leo Finkelstein, Susan Carrafiello, LeFleur Small, Deanne Duval, Paul Hershberger, Donna Miles Curry, and guest Alex Wenning.

Following self-introductions by the members, Honors Director Susan Carrafiello explained the committee's charge to review and approve honors courses and departmental honors programs, to review and help select honors scholarship recipients, and occasionally to serve as a petitions committee. In short, the Honors Committee advises and assists in all aspects of program administration.

2007-08 Subcommittees

Next, those present volunteered for various subcommittees. The remaining slots will be filled at the next meeting.

Incoming Scholarship Committee

1. Tom Traynor, Chair
2. Susan Carrafiello
3. Mary Kenton
4. Leo Finkelstein
5. Jane Doorley or Bobbe Gray
- 6.

Continuing Student Scholarship Committee

1. Donna Curry, Chair
2. Mary Kenton
- 3.
- 4.

Research Fund and Study Abroad Scholarship

1. Paul Hershberger, Chair
- 2.
- 3.

Assessment Committee

1. Susan Carrafiello, Chair
2. LeFleur Small
3. Tom Traynor

### Course Proposals

Two course proposals were approved, both as UH 400 seminars: Women's Rooms by Mary Beth Pringle and The Evolution-Creationism Debate by William Irvine.

### Student Petition

The student petition to substitute a design competition for a departmental honors project in order to retain an Honors Program funded scholarship was unanimously rejected. Leo Finkelstein will inform the relevant department chair, and unless the department reverses its decision not to admit the student to the departmental honors program, Ms. Kenton will notify the student that the petition has been denied.

### Student Honors Association

The Student Honors Association is off to a good start. The first meetings were very well attended.

### Director's Report

Susan Carrafiello reported that more than 300 new students were admitted to the Honors Program for fall. Move-in went well and the First Weekend Honors event was well attended. Upcoming events include the Honors Institute on January 28 and 29. Jared Diamond has agreed give the keynote address on January 28. Planning continues for the Symposium and other related events. Honors is also co-sponsoring a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event—the Piediscalzi Lecture—delivered this year on October 3 by the person for whom it is named, Nick Piediscalzi.

The committee agreed to meet again on Friday, November 9 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. in 238 Millett.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kenton  
Secretary to the Committee