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**Minutes of the University Honors Committee
November 12, 2008**

Chair Tom Traynor called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in 238 Millett Hall.

Present were members William Slattery, Erik Banks, Carol Wagner Williams, Marty Kich, Sabrina Sheets, Leo Finkelstein, Susan Carrafiello, and guest Alex Wenning.

The minutes from the October 8 meeting were approved following a correction to the Incoming Scholarship Committee membership. Alex Wenning replaces Paul Hershberger.

Susan Carrafiello updated the committee on planning for the 2009 Honors Institute on Free Speech in a Global Society. Nicholas Kristof will keynote the event on January 26; his lecture will be followed by a book signing and a reception. The sessions for the next day's symposium are all in place, and Eleanor Clift will speak at the luncheon. Sponsors to date are Sodexo and Phi Kappa Phi.*

The committee voted unanimously to approve two UH 201 course proposals from Marty Kich: American Eccentrics and The Automobile in American Culture. Next, Marty Kich reported on the status of planning for the Honors designation for the Associate's Degree at the Lake Campus. Currently, the Lake Campus Honors Advisory Committee is thinking about a four or five course requirement. Possible courses to be offered as Honors at the Lake are ENG 101 and 102 (which are required in all degree programs), ENG 204, PSY 105, UH 201 and 202.

The committee is also working on a mission statement and an assessment plan. The approval process will be clarified with Curriculum Committee Chair Tom Sav to make sure that the order is:

1. Lake Campus approvals
2. University Honors Committee
3. University Curriculum Committee
4. Faculty Senate

Honors Director Susan Carrafiello reported that she and Alex Wenning had made a presentation at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in San Antonio. The Fall Honors Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for November 20 at 3:00 pm in E156 Student Union. All committee members are welcome to attend. Alex Wenning provided a brief Student Honors Association update on a collaborative project the WSU student undertook with Honors students from Cedarville and the University of Dayton.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kenton, Secretary to the Committee

*Sponsors added after this meeting: Dayton Daily News and the Wright State University Peace Lecture Committee