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Minutes of the University Honors Committee
September 23, 2009

Chair Carol Wagner Williams called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in 238 Millett Hall. Attending were Paul Hershberger, Marty Kich, Lynn Hartzler, Teressa McWilliams, Leo Finkelstein, Tom Traynor, Jamie Plamondon, Susan Carrafiello, and Alex Wenning.

Following self-introductions by the members, the chair asked Honors Director Susan Carrafiello to go over the committee's responsibilities. The committee reviews and approves new Honors courses, new and revised departmental Honors Programs, and helps the staff choose Honors Scholarship recipients. The committee also advises the director on other administrative issues and problems. Occasionally, the committee considers student petitions.

The following sub-committees were tentatively formed. In addition to serving on the scholarship committees, Mr. Wenning will provide staff support for other committees as required.

Incoming Scholarships

Leo Finkelstein
Marty Kich
Lynn Hartzler
Susan Carrafiello
Alex Wenning

Continuing Scholarships

Paul Hershberger
Carol Wagner Williams
Teressa McWilliams
Alex Wenning

Assessment

Tom Traynor
Marty Kich
Susan Carrafiello

Semester Conversion

Marty Kich
Carol Wagner Williams
Tom Traynor
Leo Finkelstein

Next, Susan Carrafiello discussed plans for the 2010 Honors Institute, scheduled for February 16 and 17, 2009, on China. This year's institute is in collaboration with a Title VI-A Grant awarded to the university. The keynote speaker is James Fallows and Minxin Pei is the luncheon speaker. Lisa Morrisette and Laura Leurhmann will teach the two seminars connected with the institute. Co-sponsors to date are: DCOWA, Phi Kappa Phi, Sodexo, and UCIE.

Some draft documents suggesting possible modifications to the Honors Program as the transition to semesters is made were distributed and briefly discussed. More discussion will follow at subsequent meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kenton, Secretary to the Committee