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University Honors Committee

Minutes—May 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. in 238 Millett Hall. Attending were Susan Carrafiello, Leo Finkelstein, Lynn Hartzler, Paul Hershberger, Marty Kich, and Alex Wenning.

The minutes of the April 14, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

The committee considered the UH 400 “Search for Community” course proposal submitted by Gaetano (Guy) Guzzo. After discussion, the committee agreed that the Writing Intensive component of the course needs to be integrated with the course content and that the WI word requirements should be increased to meet the WI guidelines. Wenning will ask Guzzo to re-submit the proposal, and it will be circulated electronically for the committee’s approval.

Carrafiello provided an update on the semester conversion related to the University Honors Program. The first courses that will be considered by the committee are UH 2010, UH 2020, and UH 2030. Carrafiello will compile the course proposals and distribute them to the committee electronically before they are submitted to the workflow.

Wenning provided a scholarship update. Eighty incoming first year honors students were offered a Competitive Honors Scholarship. Forty-four accepted and 36 declined or did not respond. Nine scholarships will be offered to continuing students in the University Honors Program. Carrafiello and Wenning expressed sincere gratitude for all the work the committee members performed in selecting the scholarship recipients.

Wenning provided a report for the Student Honors Association. SHA just finished electing new officers for the 2010-11 academic year. SHA members will assist at Honors Orientation and Honors First Weekend events. SHA is also working to develop a new mentoring program for first year students.

The Honors Spring Graduation Ceremony is June 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Union Apollo Room.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Wenning