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Acting Chair Leo Finkelstein called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in 009 Millett Hall. Attending were David Bright, Susan Carrafiello, Ronak Ghiya, Lynn Hartzler, Paul Hershberger, Yi-Hui Lee, Donovan Miyasaki, Lindsay Morgan, and Alex Wenning.

Following introductions, Carrafiello presented the charge of the Honors Committee, a standing committee of the Faculty Senate. The Honors Committee:

- Serves in an advisory role to the University Honors Program
- Approves all Honors curriculum
- Reviews policies and procedures related to the University Honors Program
- Assists in selecting Honors scholarship recipients

Subcommittees for the 2010-11 academic year are as follows:

- Incoming Scholarship—Carrafiello, Finkelstein, Ghiya, Hartzler, Morgan, and Wenning
- Continuing Scholarship—Hershberger, Morgan, and Wenning
- Assessment—Carrafiello, Lee, and Miyasaki
- Semester Conversion (ad hoc)—Carrafiello, Finkelstein, and Wenning

The UH 2010 and UH 2020 semester course proposal forms for the Wright State Core were distributed at the meeting. Voting to approve UH 2010 and UH 2020 will take place via email during the week of September 20, or at the next Honors Committee meeting on September 24.

The approval of honors sections of other semester Wright State Core courses will take place via email during the weeks of September 20 and 27. Files of the courses will be uploaded into the Honors Committee WINGS Group.

The UH 400 seminar course proposals—including “Presidential Memories” from James Sayer, “Women’s Travel Memoirs” from Mary Beth Pringle, and “Big History: Why We Are” from William Irvine—were all unanimously approved.

The 2011 Honors Institute will take place January 31 and February 1. The topic is “Intersections of Memory” with Charlayne Hunter-Gault providing the keynote address in conjunction with the Presidential Lecture Series.

Carrafiello informed the committee that approximately 330 new first year students entered the University Honors Program Fall 2010, bringing the program’s enrollment to approximately 900.

The next Honors Committee meeting will be Friday, September 24, 1:00 p.m., in 009 Millett Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Wenning