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Chair Lynn Hartzler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in 238 Millett Hall. Attending were Kevin Brown, Susan Carrafiello, Yanfang Chen, Romena Holbert, Marty Kich, Jeanette Marchand, Christine Reedy, Alex Wenning, and Zifeng Yang.

Following introductions, the April 17, 2013, minutes were approved as submitted.

Carrafiello explained the charge of the committee:

- Provide advice on all aspects of the honors curriculum, including review of proposals to determine if honors qualifications have been met
- Review honors student scholarship applications
- Provide honors assessment
- Serve in an advisory capacity for anything related to honors

Hartzler reminded committee members that all documents for the committee's review will be posted in the WINGS Group to expedite meetings.

Carrafiello informed the members about three subcommittees of the Honors Committee; additionally, the following members will serve on each subcommittee.

- Incoming Scholarship – Carrafiello, Hartzler, Kich, Reedy, and Wenning. Wenning will coordinate the administrative functions of the subcommittee.
- Continuing Scholarship – Brown, Holbert, Kich, Reedy, and Wenning. Wenning will coordinate the administrative functions of the subcommittee.
- Assessment – Carrafiello reported that there might not be much for this subcommittee to do this year; more details in Spring 2014.

The committee unanimously accepted and approved the honors characteristics of the following honors course proposals:

- UH 2020 *Writing/Rewriting the Constitution*
- UH 4000 *Wittgenstein and the Post-Analytic Mind* (revisions suggested for making the interdisciplinary features of the course more prominent)
- UH 4000 *Global Health: Nursing & Health Care in the United Kingdom*

The committee also unanimously approved the honors characteristics of the following Departmental Honors Programs:

- Art History (pending modifications to the project proposal and approval process)
- Professional Actor Training Program: Acting and Musical Theatre Emphases
- Biomedical, Industrial, and Systems Engineering

In other business, Carrafiello provided the following updates:

- The University Honors Program welcomed approximately 320 new freshman honors students this fall.
- Christine Reedy has been hired as the new Assistant Director of the University Honors Program.
- The annual Honors Institute will take place on March 19 and 20, 2014. Dr. Michio Kaku will serve—in conjunction with the Presidential Lecture Series—as the keynote speaker on the evening of March 19, and a *New York Times* journalist will serve as the luncheon speaker at the symposium on March 20.

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The next meeting will likely take place at 12:10 p.m. on a Friday in late October or early November 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Wenning