

Honors Student Advisory Council Minutes
November 6, 2008 5:30 PM
Lake Worth TC427

1. Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on November 6, 2008. The Attendees went around the table and introduced themselves for the first meeting of the Honors Student Advisory Council for the 2008-2009 school year.

2. Status of the Program

- Doctor Burks covered the current status, including enrollment of the program as of 11/6. District Wide enrollment is 803 students. Of those students 364 students from Lake Worth, 264 students from Palm Beach Gardens, 164 students from Boca Raton, and 11 students from Belle Glades.
- The Florida Collegiate Honors Council is coming up February 20-22nd in Lake Mary, FL. It's a great chance to meet with various public and private colleges for possible transfers. It also provides an excellent chance to network with Faculty and Students from the rest of the honors programs at Community Colleges and 4 year schools including FAUs Honors College.
- A small update on courses being introduced the program, including IDH2XXX – Introduction to the Research Process, a class on undergraduate research processes. Outline available upon request. HSC1101 also has a proposal to be added as a honors class. There was also discussion on FIN2100 – Personal Finance, including review of the course online. It was also suggested that the course be advertised in SLS1501 – Strategies for College Success. The course was last offered in Fall of 1999.

3. Student Activities Budget

- Reviewed the honors budget. Doctor Burks mentioned that with the increased enrollment, our student activities budget was increased. The remaining expenses for this budget year include the Honors Graduation Reception in the Fall and Spring. Lunches in the spring, and travel for students to the Collegiate Honors Council. Remaining year-end budget will be spent on educating the student body about the Honors program. The budget will reviewed at the next Honors Student Advisory Council meeting in the spring.

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- A peer reviewed, student run, academic journal, with the first issue aiming to be published in April of 2009. It will be open to both Honors and Non-honors students, for submission of scholarly research papers. It also can serve as another excellent showcase of honors projects. The first meeting, for those that are interested in being involved will likely be held in the last week of November or the first week of December, exact date to be announced soon. All works will be digitally submitted.

5. Honors Points

- The honors point system should be reviewed at least once a year by the Honors Student Advisory Council for any new additions or adjustments. To be further discussed at our next meeting in the spring
- Discussion on adding Service Points for participating in donation drives including books, food, etc. There was also discussion about service points for participating in Blood drives.
- Doctor Burks clarified her definition of Community Service, which is broad. There are two important factors 1. There is no compensation. 2. It has to be for a non-profit organization. This can include: churches, benefit walks, club activities, and the college.
- There was also discussion on possibly adding honors points for recruiting students to the program, however it currently it is not a feasible option.
- Adjustments effective immediately, Honors Students who complete PBCC's Center for Student Leadership will receive 5 leadership points.

6. Selection of Officers

- The two members from the last academic year, Justin Kraft and Jean Anthis were selected as President and Vice-President, respectively. James Rowland was selected as Secretary.

7. Other Business

- Ekeyah Wallace, Student representative to the District Board of Trustees brought up the issue that Panther Prowl was under the risk of being canceled. To help save it, she is in the process of distributing a survey to educate students about our equivalent to Homecoming. For more information contact Ekeyah at wallacej2@my.pbcc.edu. Doctors Burks will be turning the paper survey into an online version to send out to the Honors students later this month.
- Ekeyah also encouraged honors students to get involved in the various SGAs on our respective campuses. She also discussed the duties and requirements in her role as Student Trustee.
- Justin Kraft brought up the issue of Honors Lounges for discussion. Ekeyah suggested that honors students as a group approach their provosts to let them know it's important to them as students.
- Lastly, it was suggested that if possible to attend the major district meetings, to ensure we are well represented as students. Important meetings coming up soon include the District board of Trustees meeting at Boca Raton Campus (HT-103) 6 PM on November 18th.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 PM 11/6/2008

Attendance

Adam Harris – Boca Raton
Nicole Oviedo – Boca Raton
James Rowland – Boca Raton
Humberto Solano-Costa – Boca Raton
Valerie Burks – District/Advisor
Altamonica Charles – Lake Worth
Justin Kraft – Lake Worth
Belen Lowrey – Lake Worth
Charise Muller – Lake Worth
Sophia Raymond – Lake Worth
Ekeyah Wallace – Palm Beach Gardens

Submitted by James Rowland