

Honors Advisory Board Minutes
Friday, March 18th, 2011
AD108, Palm Beach State, Boca Raton campus

Meeting began at 10:15am

- Jonathan Murphy and Kim Huston Stingo, our Fall 2010-Spring 2011 President and Vice-President respectively, co-led the meeting. The minutes were recorded by Marina Alexandre, the secretary. Marcella Montesinos, Honors College Manager, was present at the meeting. Student Liaisons Theresa Leggett, Lillian Monique Valle, Calie Lascari and Laura Lobe and the Boca Faculty Liaison Terry Randolph were also in attendance and introduced to the council.
- Diane Ramos, Historian, was unable to attend.

- Minutes from February 25th were subject to revision and approval
 - Revisions- Karaoke night on March 16th changed to "Fun Spot".
 - Christine Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes, Johanna Poblano seconded the motion and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- Reviewed last meeting's (February 2011) business:
 - Restated Communications from Honors College- besides the monthly email that you receive at your Palm Beach State email, there is a link to the Honors events on the Honors college page of the School's site
 - On the Palm Beach State homepage: 1. Go to quick links and 2. Click Honors College 3. Click [Honors Calendar / Classes](#) then 4. Select the link that says [click here for updated Honors Calendar 2010-2011](#).
 - A third option for communication is the Dr. Floyd F. Koch Facebook page
 - Reiterated the trouble of filling honors classes leading to fewer classes available and the low number of students that graduated with Honors distinction but still took advantage of Honors early registration. One mission of the Student Liaisons could be to try to promote the classes so they fill up. Just because we all may not wear the title of Liaison, all Honors students can each look for any misconceptions in our campuses and act as a source of clarification. An idea from February's HSAC meeting was also restated that to possibly implement that each new register to the Honors college, would be assigned an Honors mentor to help them sign off on a sheet that they have full understanding what it means, and what is required, to be accepted as a student to the Dr. Floyd F. Koch Honors College at Palm Beach State College.
 - T-shirt update: Any participating Honors student may receive their shirts in their respective Faculty liaisons office Boca-Terry Randolph CA114, Lake Worth- Steve Brahlek AH311, Gardens-Nancy McDonald AA101

- Food Drive suggested by Prof. Froehlich-Honors students please consider and report back ideas for collecting, storing, and transporting the food and whether we would like this to be an Honors only effort.
 - Clarified new travel policy: late cancellations of trips will result in the participant paying the full cost of the trip unless
 - They cancel two weeks prior and ***the trip does not include an airline ticket***
 - They cancel at the latest 1 week prior, are able to substitute another qualifying honors student and ***the trip does not include an airline ticket.*** If no airline ticket has been bought, but another Honors Student cannot take the place of the student that is cancelling, then that student is responsible for the costs of the trip reserved for him or her.
- Past events- Relay for life fundraisers

In total we raised about \$900 that will go towards Relay for Life

 - March 15th Dominoes Tournament on Lake Worth Campus- \$131
 - March 16th Karaoke Night on Boca Raton Campus- \$170

New Business:

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 - E-board Elections in April- Defined roles of board members and elections will be held next meeting. Candidates will be given a couple minutes to speak before the vote
 - Relay for life- Envelopes/\$100 goal/ sign-up sheet of volunteers/supplies needed
 - Keep record of those giving \$10 or more for a personal Thank You note
 - Honors courses- review policy requiring a minimum of one Honors class every other semester (not counting summer)
 - Peer Mentoring
 - This program fostered by the Honors college will be used to provide an extended family to incoming Honors students. This will give each student a chance to learn about Honors from a current student before they complete the process of being fully accepted themselves. We hope these bonds will not only serve as a mentor for school but also as a stepping stone for further achievement as an Honors student.
 - FCHC- Marcella explained that this conference is a great opportunity to show other Honors students the academic achievements that you've made and also is a noble achievement that looks great on a college resume. Laura Lobe and William Lowery presented at a previous conference. The next conference will be hosted by Palm Beach State in late February or early March and is open to all Honors students as volunteers or as presenters.

- Terry Randolph also added the presentation could be anything, such as research papers for class, as long as it was relevant to the topic of the conference.
 - Terry Randolph mentioned that Bob Schweriner was in need of volunteers to lead tours on the Boca campus for Service points
- Calendar –
 - Relay for Life:
 - March 21 from 12-3pm- Movie & Popcorn- Palm Beach Gardens
 - March 22 from 12-3pm- Movie & Popcorn- Belle Glade in BR118
- Honors Movie Night- *Ulee's Gold* on the Lake worth Campus in LL303 at 7pm
- Relay for life event- April 2nd at 3pm- April 3rd at 9am
- Honors Fair- Boca Campus April 6th at 11am-2pm
 - The invite was sent through email to students who qualify for Honors. The fair gives a chance for students to ask questions, hear about the experiences of other students and clarify any misconceptions they may have about Honors
- Honors Graduation Breakfast- April 15th invitation only
- Honors Nutrition Symposium- Boca Raton Campus HT212 April 19 at 9:30-10:45am- Bring Honors recruits
- Last HSAC Meeting of Spring- April 29th on Lake worth Campus – Executive Board Elections will take place.
- Last Honors Movie Night of Spring 2011- April 29th, 7pm Lake Worth LL303*Adaptation*

Open Forum:

- Marcella suggested hosting a symposium to recognize students for academic achievement in front of faculty family and friends. The decision for a biannual (one each semester) or annual symposium was put to a vote by the Council.
 - When asked whether to host it once a semester or once a year, it was decided once a year in a 8-6 vote
 - When asked whether to host it during the spring or fall term, it was decided during spring in a 8-6 vote as well since it gave students a year to prepare and since this project is fairly new.

- Olga raised an issue concerning the misconceptions that come from the advisors themselves that “you don’t ever have to take Honors classes when you are in Honors.” Marcella answered this by saying that she has met with the advisors to promote Honors College and give training to the advisors on how to work with enrolled Honors students.
 - Both Marcella and Kim Huston Stingo pointed to the fact that the Peer mentoring program can help clarify issues like this with new incoming students.
 - It was also suggested that changes in advising might occur more if the students that feel they are given misinformation will go back and report their concerns directly to the advisors that the students worked with.
- Sabiduria will be looking for a new co-editor next semester since William will be retiring from the position. If you are interested, please contact Kim Huston Stingo (stingokm@my.palmbeachstate.edu), William Lowery (lowerywd@my.palmbeachstate.edu), or the Honors college itself (honors@palmbeachstate.edu) for more info

Meeting adjourned at 11:10a