

## HONORS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 17, 2009 5:30 PM

Lake Worth TC427

### **I. Welcome/Introduction/Purpose of Committee**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The attendees went around the table and introduced themselves.

### **II. Approval of the 07/13/2009 Minutes**

The Minutes were distributed via email to the members and posted at <http://www.pbcc.edu/x14013.xml>. They were approved unanimously.

### **III. Report of the Status of the Program**

James Rowland reported that there currently are 980 total honors students registered into the program. The percentages of students are as follows: 45% from Lake Worth; 20% from Boca Raton; and 35 % from Palm Beach Gardens.

Further discussion was held as to who the contact person would be after D. Burks' departure. It was agreed to that Betty Dente would be the contact person until further notice and she could be contacted by emailing [honors@pbcc.edu](mailto:honors@pbcc.edu).

### **IV. Updates**

**A. *Sabiduria*** – The submission deadline was August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It was reported that there were much more submissions than expected. The target publication date is in mid-October. The co-editors have met on a regular basis to discuss each individual entry.

**B. Movie Night Themes and Titles** – The following are the movie night themes, titles, dates and times:

The Fall 2009 semester movies theme is equality.

- 09/24/09 – Boca Raton Campus – Soldier's Girl
- 10/22/09 – Lake Worth Campus – The Sugar Babies
- 12/03/09 – Palm Beach Gardens Campus – Blood Diamond

The Spring 2010 semester movies theme is environmental tortoises

- 01/28/09 – Lake Worth Campus – King Corn
- 02/25/09 – Palm Beach Gardens Campus – The Age of Stupid
- 04/22/09 – Boca Raton Campus– The Cove

**C. Honor Code** – The group reviewed and commented on the proposed Honor Code, wherein it indicates that members of the Honors College are expected to exemplify the highest standards of honor and academic integrity. What procedures need to be followed when addressing a possible violation of the Honor Code were further discussed.

**D. Dean Kohrs** – Dean Kohrs will be at PBCC through a partnership with the various Phi Theta Kappa chapters and the Honors College the week of 09/27/2009 to 10/02/2009, as follows:

- Monday, September 28, 2009 – Keynote at Belle Glade campus
- Tuesday, September 29, 2009 – Keynote at Lake Worth campus
- Wednesday, September 30, 2009 –Keynote at Boca Raton campus
- Thursday, October 1, 2009 – Keynote at Palm Beach Gardens campus
- Friday, October 2, 2009 – Attendance at Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Delta Iota's general member meeting.

All the above dates will have the following agenda:

- a. Special Topics on Honors and Globalization, with a Partnership with IDH2105.
- b. Informal sit-down dinner and discussion from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- c. Keynote with on the Paradox of Affluence from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **V. Newsletter**

Discussion was held about the items that will be included in the Honors College's Newsletter. Michaela Santiago the Editor-In-Chief of the Newsletter has been working closely with James Rowland, Jean Joseph, Joe Mulvey and Belen Lowery to finalize the Fall 2009 issue of "the scoop."

## **VI. Service**

**A. Community Service Partner** – Tabled until the next Honors Student Advisory meeting.

**B. NCHC Service Day 10/16/09 event planning** – James Rowland will establish a facebook discussion group in order to hold discussions on possible projects we would be able to do for this NCHC Service Day. Members discussed possibly having a Thanksgiving food drive or participating in campus clean-

ups. Another possibility discussed was working with Professor Steve Brahle. All further discussion will be held on the facebook discussion group page.

## **VII. Conferences**

**A. National Collegiate Honors Council** – This conference will be held in Washington, D.C. from October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. James Rowland has been selected to be one of the presenters at this conference. He will be presenting on “Why Honors? An Analysis of Student and Faculty Perception at Palm Beach Community College.” In addition, James Rowland along with Jean Joseph has been selected to be a student moderator during this conference.

**B. Florida Collegiate Honors Council** – This conference will be held in Gainesville, FL from February 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Deadlines for submission are as follows:

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Writing Contest submission

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 – Presentation Proposals are due into the Honors Office

Program Display Table Requests are due into the Honors Office

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Presentation Proposals are due to FCHC

Program Displays Tables Request are due to FCHC

Mary Jo Henderson Scholarship nominations are due to FCHC

Dr. Richard Piper Scholarship nominations are due to FCHC

**C. Southern Regional Honors Council** – This conference will be held in Greenville, South Carolina from March 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A call for proposals will go out in November with a submission deadline set for the end of January.

## **VIII. Honors Point System – Year in Review**

**A. Sabiduria Incentive System** – A discussion was held as to the specific incentive in form of Honors Points available to be earned by each individual student. The following is the end results of the discussion:

- Each reviewer will earn three (3) service points per review
- The author of a published entry will receive one (1) scholarly point
- Attendance at *Sabiduria* meetings will earn honors points

- Co-Editors will receive leadership points

In addition, the Honors Points were reviewed and discussed and the following was agreed to unanimously:

- Leadership points will be allotted to students serving as an officer of any campus club, in addition to serving as an officer on the HSAC.
- Completion of the Center for Student Leadership (CSL) Program will earn five (5) leadership points. Participation in the CSL Program without completion will earn one (1) leadership point.
- Serving as a leader in your community will also earn one (1) leadership point.

James Rowland moved to approve the above changes and/or additions to the Honors Point System. Belen Lowery seconded the motion.

#### **IX. Open forum**

Belen Lowery brought up the idea of having an Honors Student Yearbook. James Rowland suggested that it could possibly be electronic. Discussion was held about which students would be included and who will handle the specifics. Leslie Taylor volunteered to work together with Belen Lowery to narrow down more specific information.

Jean Anthis the current Vice-President of the HSAC stepped down from his position and nominated Betsy Unger. Eli Kinberg seconded the nomination. Congratulations to Betsy Unger for being appointed our new Vice-President for the HSAC. Betsy will be attending the Honors Advisory Board meetings, which are held twice a semester from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **X. Adjournment – 7:17 p.m.**