Honors Student Advisory Council Minutes
April 16, 2009 5:30 PM
Lake Worth TC427

1. Introductions and Purpose
   - The Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM on April 16th, 2009. The Attendees went around the table and introduced themselves. A total of fourteen students attended, three represented PBCC @ Boca Raton, ten represented PBCC @ Lake Worth, one represented PBCC @ Palm Beach Gardens.

2. Approval of 2/26/2009 Minutes
   - The minutes were distributed via e-mail to the members and posted at http://www.pbcc.edu/x14013.xml. They were approved unanimously.

3. Honors Points Final Wording on Cultural Events
   - Wording to be added to the honors point document: “Documentation: Student must submit a ticket stub or performance program from the event, along with a brief (one-half to one typed page) summary of the event. Prior to the event, students should consult the Honors Manager to determine if the event will qualify for cultural points. Points submitted without pre-approval are subject to being rejected by the Honors Manager. Rejected events can be appealed to the Honors Student Advisory Council”

4. SA Budget
   - Reviewed the 2008-2009 Honors Students Funding. Currently, there is $7,707.30 in the Honors Students Activities. The remaining honors fund have been designated toward promotional items for the next Academic year, with approximately $1,000 for T-shirts (6,707.3), $650 for calendars (6,057.3), $300 for pens (5,757.3). Amount of the remaining money will be allocated toward funding student travel to the Shakespeare Festival in Stanton, VA for Steve Brahlek’s English Literature before 1800 course. Our first summer honors course. Approximately $330 per student, for a total of $4,950. This currently leaves $807.30 in the Student Activities Budget.
   - T-Shirt Orders and design for 2009-2010
     - The Committee decided to order two separate T-Shirt designs, the First is Teal, with White Text with either the phrase “Talk Nerdy To Me” or some other form in Latin of a similar phrase
     - The other decision for the T-shirt for next year was Hunter Green with Gold Text with the college motto of “Sabiduria Es Poder” printed on it.
   - Kunal Dutt’s discussion with President Gallon. Kunal was invited to speak with President Gallon as one of the graduating students this semester. The discussion included that there needs to be a serious effort from the top down in promoting honors education and program as a priority for the College.
   - Top Student Service Scholarship. Suggested by Justin Kraft, a per term scholarship of $500 for the top student service scholarships. Three to five of the top candidates would be brought before the Honors Student Advisory Council and from that one candidate to receive the scholarship from the Student Activities Budget. $1000 dollars allocated in a
school year. Pending verification by Doctor Burks with VP of Student Services Patti Anderson that this is an allowable use of Student Activities Fund.

5. Designated Community Partner
   - We discussed the designated partners for us to adopt as an honors college. Several options were discussed like Habitat for Humanity, and Paint your Heart out. The concern was raised that Phi Theta Kappa already partners with these and other common organizations like Adopt A Highway. We decided that it would be best to find an organization that is currently partnered with.
   - The requirements for the organization is that it must be county wide.
   - Sophia Raymond recommended Adopt a Family of the Palm Beaches (http://www.aafpbs.org/). After a short break for research, it was unanimously voted to recommend it as a possible designated community partner to Honors Advisory Board.

6. Partners in the Park
   - Essays due in to Valerie Burks by Monday April 20th, 2009. To be submitted to Florida Collegiate Honors Council E-board by April 24th, 2009. Currently there has been one Essay submitted. The goal is to have one essay from our institution submitted to FCHC.

7. Newsletter
   - For the council’s information, as of next academic year, the Honors Newsletter will be handed over to the students. To be published at least once a term. A separate board to manage and collect submissions for the Honors Newsletter will likely be formed. More information to be announced.

8. Book Exchange
   - The discussion in starting up a book exchange on campus for honors students, to help the affordability of books. It could also be open to other students. It was suggested to set up an online trading board to connect those who have books to swap, and those that need books. It is also possible to look into selected desk copies from the Department chairs.

9. Retreat/Next Year
   - There will be a daylong retreat to get ready for the 2009-2010 Academic Year in July. Likely off campus. More information to be announced.

10. Honors Code Status Update
    - Reviewed a combination of Honors codes to establish the spirit of we intend to aim for, with additional meetings to finalize the wording taking place before the end of the semester and brought before the Student Advisory Council after finalization. For more information Contact Justin Kraft.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM 4/16/2009
Attendance

Nedgie Joseph – Boca Raton
James Rowland – Boca Raton
Natalia Fajardo – Boca Raton
Jean Anthis – Lake Worth
Kunal Dutt – Lake Worth
Justin Kraft – Lake Worth
Belen Lowrey – Lake Worth
Catlin Hanley – Lake Worth
Melissa Elie – Lake Worth
Sophia Raymond – Lake Worth
Dainia Webb – Lake Worth
Jean Joseph – Lake Worth
Derek Black – Lake Worth
Leo Hernandez – Palm Beach Gardens

Submitted by James Rowland