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Honors College Faculty Council

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March 22, 2019 | 3:30 PM—5:00 PM | Hubbard Hall 112

Attendance

Present: Douglas Parham (chair 2018-2019, partial meeting attendance) – Health Professions; Nathan Filbert (chair elect) – University Libraries; Holger Meyer – LAS Math/Natural Sciences; Atul Rai – Business; Honors Advisor – ex officio; Honors Dean – ex officio; Moriah Beck – Chemistry (presenter)

Absent: Elaine Bernstorf – Fine Arts; Samantha Gregus – LAS Social Sciences; Patrick Bondy – LAS Humanities; Roy Myose – Engineering

Meeting Handouts

- Honors Science Track and Minor Proposal
- Faculty in Honors Information
https://www.wichita.edu/academics/honors_college/Faculty_Portal.php

Honors College Faculty Council Discussion

- Informal discussion re: Honors General Assembly; FYRE and FYS courses in Honors; Outreach to faculty across campus for involvement in Honors College

Announcements

- Holger Meyer introduced Sustainability at WSU planning https://www.wichita.edu/academics/academic_affairs/wsusustainability/ and proposed that an Honors faculty join the Curriculum Group. Carolyn Shaw and Shelly Coleman-Martins, Visvakumar Aravinthan and Bayram Yildirim lead the Research Group; Deepak Gupta leads the Curriculum Group; Bob Smith leads the Facilities Group. Curriculum Group meets every Friday 12:30-1:30, starting March 29, anyone can join, contact



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Deepak.Gupta@wichita.edu. Holger is in all three groups. Jessie Raburn wondered if there would be interest in a Sustainability Group in the Honors College.

- Douglas Parham reported on the success of the Honors/Graduate School workshop on Creating a Research Poster – 31 attended – all feedback positive.

Old Business:

Honors Science Track Minor

Holger Meyer and Moriah Beck answered questions about the proposal. Dr. Moriah Beck - Chemistry, Dr. Holger Meyer - Physics, Dr. Doug English – Chemistry, Dr. Heidi Bell, and Dr. Will Parcell – Geology are authors and current contacts in involved departments. There was discussion regarding Minor requirements (29-32 credit hours) whether it should be 5 of 6 labs or all 6 labs as written. It was decided to proceed as written in the pilot phase and see how it goes. Currently CHEM 212 is piloting the HNRS Lab and may be CHEM 211 in Fall 2019. Dean Engber queried the viability of HNRS lab in all courses if student numbers are small. Holger mentioned that if there were less than 5 students, there could be an Honors group separate in a larger lab. There was discussion as how to list capstone credit in Degree Works and proposed it be entered as 1 – actual number of credits to be determined after faculty-student interview and project proposals. Dean Engber pointed out that the growth of Honors College and tracks like these depends on increased college and departmental investment and ownership in program offerings, that Honors administration are not equipped to advise capstones or theses projects in all disciplines. Other small revisions were proposed – such as minor clarifications in language and considering opening capstone to be completed in Major (i.e. Engineering, Nursing, Fine Arts, Biology, etc.) if students select the track or Minor but are not Majoring in Physics, Chemistry, or Geology.

Did not have quorum to vote at the meeting.

New Business:

Faculty Involvement and Outreach

Discussion was tabled for consideration at a future meeting.



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As May Arise

- Dean Engber reported on Student Council's concerns with diversity in admissions and scholarships in the Koch selection processes. That limiting majors to Business and Engineering greatly impacts diversity of Majors and needs to be more transparent to applicants if the values and selection process is restricted to certain majors. It was proposed that the impact on diversity owing to restricted majors be evidenced and presented to donors and that further discussion on the fit between scholarships and the Honors College be considered.

Proposed Items for Next Meeting:

- Assessment of Honors General Assembly input
- Faculty Outreach and Involvement Discussion
 - https://www.wichita.edu/academics/honors_college/Faculty_Portal.php
 - What are we currently doing to recruit faculty / departmental involvement
 - What are Faculty Council roles and responsibilities in this regard
 - How might we effectively build involvement