Minutes Honors Council Meeting August 14, 2006

Members Present: Casey, Wilson, Stephenson, Doherty, Smith, Thompson, Adams, Lowe, S. Hill, Brown, Findley, Rubio, and Saydam.

Honors Program applications were reviewed from the following students: Black, Boston, Dyer, Eickman, Foust, Price, Singh, Shell, and Tewson.

Following a discussion of the applications, Wilson made a motion that we accept this group. The group was accepted by unanimous vote. One other student, Mahler, has not yet completed the application.

We anticipated a number of other applicants, but those students have decided against joining the program. One reason, according to Findley, is their desire to retain previously earned credit in courses such as First-Year English. Casey suggested that we address this recruitment issue in a future meeting.

Students seem to be experiencing some confusion regarding our mailing address. Findley suggested that, in the future, students should send all application materials to one constant location (either the Dean of Arts and Sciences or Academic Affairs).

Findley and Wilson reported on a student issue involving academics. After a lengthy discussion, Rubio moved that the student be removed from the program. Thompson seconded.

At this point, Casey passed out time availability sheets, which will determine our future meeting dates/times.

Smith reported that the university will change the name of the ULM Academic Honors Scholarship. The current name creates some confusion, suggesting to students outside the Honors Program that they may be members of the Honors Program. Smith asked council members to submit suggestions for a new name.

Smith, Saydam, and Findley explained the Honors Program's scholarship policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adams Secretary