Minutes meeting 14 November 2008

Members present: Black (Student Honors Council member), Buczala, Hare, S. Hill, Lowe, Palmer, Rubio (chair), Smith

Members absent (excused): Bryan, Chandler, Eisenstadt, Feldhaus, Hayes, R. Hill, Stephenson and Tommerdahl

Members absent (unexcused): Melancon

The meeting was called to order by Rubio (chair) on Friday 14th November 2008 at 12:15pm in Stubbs 239B

Item I Honors Lounge

Rubio showed the members the progress made in the Honors Lounge. Although, it still needs some work, the Council members present were able to see the new Honors Lounge. Rubio announced that more furniture will be on the way from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Item II Quiz Bowl Committee Report

Buczala announced that the Quiz Bowl will take place on Saturday 28th February 2009. Local high schools have been contacted and we have received some responses already. Buczala announced that the SUB Ballrooms cost \$70.00 an hour to use it during weekends. Smith said that she will inquiry about the fee. Palmer suggested having a Plan B and using either Airways Science Building or Strauss Hall.

Item II Student Honors Council Report

Black announced that a bake sale took place during the month of October and almost \$200.00 was collected for the students' account.

Item IV English Honors Class

Rubio announced the deletion of English 209H because it did not fulfill the Core. S. Hill said that a new English Course has been created; the course is a World Literature class. The paperwork is in route already and will soon be official.

Item V Proposal

Rubio announced that students have come to him and have expressed their desire to submit a formal proposal to Ms. Kitty Degree. Rubio has sent an email to the Provost to keep him informed of such proposal. The students plan to present the proposal to Ms. Degree by January 2009.

Item VI Recruitment

Rubio gave an update of what recruitment efforts have been made this semester thus far. He has been in close contact with Admission, who is sending invitational letters to prospective students.

Rubio asked the members of the Council for help in recruitment efforts.

Item VII Other Business

Rubio announced that the Honors Social Science class will fulfill the Core and will appear on the next year's catalogue.

Rubio also reported that only one student has withdrawn from the Honors Program.

Rubio also said that Honors Dorms may be available during the fall of 2009. He will ask that Honors students be given priority to those dorms.

Item VIII Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm. The next meeting will be during University week in January 2009.