

Minutes
Honors Council Meeting
October 10, 2005

Members present: Adams, Casey, Feldhaus, Findley, Goodwyn, Rubio, Saydam, Smith, Stephenson, Thompson, Wilson, and Megan Lowe.

Dr. Findley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Minutes from the September meeting were read by council members and accepted with several modifications.

Ms. Lowe was appointed as ex officio member of the Honors council from the Library, and she was welcomed at her first council meeting today.

Course clarifications for Math 201H (for Spring, 2006) were reviewed and accepted.

Council members reviewed an application from Dr. Claudia Grinnell to teach the Social Sciences honors course in Spring, 2006. After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended that Dr. Grinnell turn her proposal into an honors seminar for the 2006/2007 academic year.

At the recent Fall picnic, honors students were asked to submit their ideas for honors courses to be offered in Summer, 2006. The council would like to see at least one honors course offered each summer with an enrollment of ≥ 10 students.

Browse the Bayou will be held in November (date to be emailed to us by Dr. Findley), and the Honors Program table will be staffed by council members and students.

Quiz Bowl has been scheduled for February 4, 2006, and committee members are planning its details.

The Self-Study steering committee met and proposed 7 subcommittees to gather information (strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities) in the following areas:

- History of Program 2002-2005 - Wilson (chair) and Thompson
- Students - Casey (chair) and Stephenson
- Teaching Faculty - Findley (chair) and Sharma
- Administration and Staff - Saydam (chair) and Feldhaus
- Curriculum and Program - Adams (chair) and Rubio
- Finance and Cost - Goodwyn (chair)

Honors Advisors for the new students will be assigned in the next few weeks.

A co-director of the Honors Council for the 2006-07 academic year is sought.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goodwyn, Secretary