

Honors Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Present: R Oliver, E Chang, I Khramtsova, D Keyes, R Owens, P Towery, M Dolan, C Whatley, A Hughart, K Aul, N Nesbitt, B Hood, S Kher, J Ford

Minutes—

1. Approve minutes from 9/26/17; All in favor. Minutes approved.
2. Honors Staff Changes—
 - a. Sherry Hufstedler has moved on to another position, so the Honors College is interviewing for another person for that role. Goal is to have someone on board in December, but more likely it will be in January.
 - b. Jennifer Salo has moved on to work in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Competitive fellowships and scholarships now reports to another department, but honors college will still be involved in those processes.
3. Fall 2018 Recruiting
 - a. 376 Honors freshman admits as of 11-7-17; ahead from last year by about 50 students. News from recruitment/admissions is because number of admissions is up so far this year.
 - b. ACT Superscore announcement—impacts those with 19-21 ACT scores; December ACT will not be included nor will it be used for A-State Scholar; Superscores will NOT be used for Honors College admission because it could dilute the honors admissions and entire experience. Data will be analyzed, though, to predict what using Superscores may have meant for HC.
 - c. Congrats Honors Packets will still go out 1st week of December. Secondary reviews can still be done.
4. Honors Brainy Break 2018--Application and selection process; closed on November 3; this year 28 students are going to Seattle with 48 applications in. Four days of interviews to select to narrow it down.
5. Honors Experience Grant—used for Brainy Break; students can get up to \$2000 a year to do something; it's an "odd year"—no apps yet although there are some talking about summer/spring. Usually \$20,00-\$60,000 a semester; only \$2000 this year. Hoping for more interest in Costa Rica or Japan during summer/spring. A chance to "dream up" an experience—students who didn't make the cut for Brainy Break, can apply for HEG (\$2000 a year limit).
6. Upcoming Events
 - a. Spring Honors Study Abroad of 2019 (May)—Prague, Krakow, Budapest, Austria (Cold War theme); new guidelines have been developed for study abroad experiences; waiting for application information to apply for study abroad through that office.
 - b. National Collegiate Honors Council conference (Nov 8-12)—Rebecca and Chad are attending and presenting (Atlanta)

- c. Honors Nursing & Health Professions Fall Festival (Nov 14)—5-7pm with Raffle for Shelby Fund; lots of donations and gift cards; a chance for their 130 honors students to interact; location is in Honors Community classroom
 - d. A-State Scholar Selection (Dec 4-7)
 - e. Honors Orientation (Apr 9)
7. Miscellaneous
- a. Shelby Fund—topped \$10,000 with more coming in from Kimberly-Clarke
 - b. Costa Rica study abroad scholarship (month of June or 1st summer session; 6 credits in Spanish)—have been doing this for 14 years; the group works with a language school there; the school is giving a one-time \$1100 to an A-State student who mirrors Shelby’s spirit of adventure. Two representatives from the school are visiting A-State next week and they will be given a plaque in recognition for 15 years of partnership.
 - c. Shelby’s parents are overwhelmed and grateful.
8. Future Meetings
- a. Feb 13, Apr 3 (Tuesdays at 3pm)