Honors Program Committee Agenda
Thursday, Dec. 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Honors Program Lounge, UI Commons 315A

Tea, hot chocolate and cupcakes!
1. Welcome and introductions- Jennifer Ladino (Chair) (2 min)

2. Honors Leadership Council (HLC) updates – Mickinzie Johnson (HSAB President) (5 min)

3. Update on Honors Program – Alton (10 min)
   - Honors Student Ambassador Program and National Scholarships (Holly LaHann)
   - Envision Idaho recruiting events for prospective honors students and parents (Friday, Oct. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 8)
   - Honors Thesis/Research Project Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 21
     - Thesis/research project components
       ▪ Proposal, developed under supervision by a faculty mentor, submitted to Honors for approval
       ▪ Significant original research or creative activity supervised by a faculty mentor
       ▪ Final paper, project, performance or creative work (written interpretation and analysis) submitted to Honors for approval
       ▪ Public presentation, such as UI Research Expo in April
       ▪ Electronic copy of thesis to UHP or to library for cataloging. Publication is encouraged.
     - Personnel and time to manage honors thesis program
     - Next steps
   - Redesign Honors web site and develop an Honors Student Guide
   - Fireside Chats:
     - Senator Dan Schmidt, MD: Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7:00, Scholars-LLC. "Dying with Dignity: Medical issues and ethics as patients near the end of life"
     - Matt Wappett: Thursday, Dec. 11, 7:00, Scholars LLC. “Taming the Mind/Body Monster: Stress and its effect on your brain.”

4. Honors course proposals for fall 2015 and spring 2016—Alton (10 min)
   - **Banned Books from Around the World**, by Sayantani Dasgupta and proposed to be taught fall 2015 (attachment)
   - **Nature, Culture and Society**, by Somaditya Banerjee, Ashely Kerr, and Dilshani Sarathchandra, proposed to be taught spring 2016 (attachment)

5. Brainstorming on enhancing Honors Program visibility and diversity —Alton (as time allows)

6. Final comments and Chris Price will seek best days/times for meeting spring semester (Jenn)