TO: Honors Program Committee  
Jennifer Ladino, Chair    John Foltz  
Stacy Camp    Steve Penoncello  
Allan Caplan    Mickinzie Johnson, HSAB President  
Pamela Bathurst    Alton Campbell, Director  
Sanjay Sisodiya    Chris Price

RE: October 09, 2014 Minutes
The meeting was called to order at 02:05 p.m. by Jennifer Ladino, Chair, with the following members present: Steve Penoncello, Allan Caplan, Sanjay Sisodiya, John Foltz, Mickinzie Johnson, Alton Campbell, and Chris Price. Stacy Camp and Pamela Bathurst were not able to attend

AGENDA ITEMS

- Welcome and Introductions: Chair Ladino opened the meeting and asked Mickinzie Johnson, HSAB President to give her report.

- Honors Student Advisory Board (HSAB): HSAB President Mickinzie Johnson gave an overview of HSAB activities.
  a. Completed activities:
    i. Corn Maze estimate attendance at 20-30, Swing Dance 40 people, Bonfire 100 students
  b. On-going activates:
    i. T-Shirt sale (sales are now making a profit!), Looking Glass (student publication) beginning to accept submissions, TTM groups solid with 42 students actively participating, Book Club finished first book and beginning a new book.
      1. John Foltz suggested the Book Club consider reading “Man Who Saved Christmas” about AP Gilbert, inventor of the Erector Set. For part of his life, Gilbert lived in Moscow.
  c. Future activities:
    i. Blood Drive, Harry Potter Night, the Dance is moved to Spring due to scheduling conflicts, theme will be “Suits and Sneakers”
    ii. To reflect the increasing leadership role of HSAB, a new name for the student group is being considered.

- Honors Program Update:
  a. Enrollment by College: Alton Campbell distributed a chart (attached) showing enrollment in the colleges
    i. Steve Penoncello asked if the Honors Program retention rate is available. Alton said that currently those numbers were not available from the UI data base, but that the Office is exploring ways to obtain that data.
    ii. Allan Caplan asked how we could increase numbers in the Colleges who are under-represented. Sanjay suggested that for his College, someone should talk to the Advisors in the CBE Advising Suite. John Foltz wondered if there was a way to determine how many students in the Colleges met the criteria for the UHP. Currently, there is not an Honors/Registrar data base that would allow us to do that. Alton Campbell said that a Program goal for this coming year was to create an Ambassador Program for the UHP. All agreed that would help with visibility and hopefully reach some of the eligible students who are not applying to the UHP.
  b. Envision Idaho: The Honors Program provides an information table, hosts a luncheon for interested prospective honors students and parents, and takes groups on tours of the honors living groups. The next Envision Idaho is scheduled for Nov. 8th and will target students interested in the STEM majors.
  c. Events & Activities:
    i. First Food for Thought lunch held on Oct. 2nd. Tom Drake and Janice Capel Anderson were the faculty guests.
    ii. Remaining Fall Fireside Chats
      1. Alexandra Teague was held Oct. 8
      2. Senator Dan Schmidt, Nov. 11
      3. Matt Wappett, Dec 2

- Honors Course Proposals for Spring/Summer 2015:
  a. Geography 100 – will be taught as a “hybrid” course with the lecture taken by all students. To receive Honors credit, Honors students must take the designated Honors lab section. (see attached proposal)
    i. Allan Caplan moved to approve the course for one year. The committee would like to have feedback from the instructor and students on this model before granting further approval.
    ii. John Foltz seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
  b. Ecuador Study Abroad Proposal (see attached proposal)
    i. Minimum of 10 students / Maximum of 15
ii. Cost is $6,500.00 (includes the 3 credits)
iii. Preference given to students completing their freshmen year
iv. Selection process:
    1. Must apply and pay the deposit by end of Nov.
    2. Interviews with interested students will be conducted with final decision made before Christmas break
v. John Foltz made a motion to approve the Ecuador study Abroad Proposal. Allan Caplan seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Draft – Recurring Fall/Spring Honors Courses:** Per a request from Provost Kathy Aiken, Director Campbell created a list of Honors courses which Honors would like to have offered either Fall or Spring each year. (see attached proposal) The goal is to make course planning clearer and simpler for the Program and the students.

a. UHP members noted several places where the model of a separate lab section for Honors students might be appropriate, such as is being explored by GEOL 100 this Spring.

b. Alton Campbell noted that in his research he found that students are coming in with many AP credits in the Social Sciences but with few Humanities credits

**Honors Thesis Proposal:** Alton Campbell will form an Honors Thesis Advisory Committee to develop a proposal that will be presented to the Honors Program Committee later in the academic year.

**Improving Program Visibility and Diversity:** tabled to be discussed at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 0250 p.m.

Next Meeting – Nov. 20

Attachments:
1. Agenda
2. Enrollment Distribution by College
3. GEOL100 Course Proposal
4. Ecuador Study Abroad Course Proposal
5. Proposed Recurring Honors Course List