Minutes of Honors Program Committee for meeting held on
Thursday, March 29th, 2018, 9:30am-10:30am Room 329, Idaho Commons

UHP Committee Members Attending
- Dave Pfeiffer, Committee Chair, Biological Sciences
- Mark Nielsen, Math
- Mark Roll, Materials Science & Engineering Program, Chemistry
- Ashley Kerr, MLC Modern Languages & Cultures
- Jennifer Johnson-Leung, Math
- David Vail, Honors Leadership Committee President (w/o vote)
- Sandra Reineke, UHP Director (w/o vote)
- Kendra Buell, Administrative Coordinator (w/o vote)

UHP Committee Members Not Attending
- Diane Carter, Communications
- Pamela Bathurst, Music

Minutes:

Welcome: Dr. Pfeiffer (Chair)
- The meeting started at 9:30 AM in the conference room 329 of the Idaho Commons.
- Chair of the UHP committee, Dr. Pfeiffer, called the meeting to order and shared the meeting agenda, submitted by the Director of the Honors Program, Dr. Reineke.

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on February 12th, 2018
   - The minutes on February 12th, 2018 were approved.

2. Updates from the President of the Honors Leadership Council
   - David Vail updated the UHP committee members on the following regarding the Honors Leadership Council:
     1.) Marvel movie marathon in the Whitewater room in the Idaho Commons on March 30th, 2018.
     2.) HLC is in the process of reconstructing the club due to the low participation at the events throughout the year.
3. Updates from Dr. Reineke

- Reineke informed the committee about the honors course offerings for fall 2018. Dean Panttaja will be teaching ISEM 301 Frankenstein-The Course. There will be four ISEM 101s and two ISEM 301s offered.

  Question by Roll: Can a non-honors student enroll in an honors ISEM 101 if there are seats available?

  Answer by Reineke: A non-honors student would need an override to take the class. There is a process in place. Reineke will check with the General Education Program director, Dean Panttaja and follow up with the committee to discuss further.

New Business

- Reineke and her staff worked with Angela Helmke, Bobby Gerri, Dean Kahler, and Creative Services to host the Platinum and National Merit dinner on March 23, 2018 from 6-7:30pm in the Vandal Ballroom. 116 students were automatically admitted to the Honors Program and invited to the dinner. Six incoming students and their families attended the dinner due to Uidaho Bound attendance. Current honors students shared their experience of being in the honors program. Families chatted a lot and had a good time. Dr. Schiele came to help recruit the students as well as Vail and three honors students. Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives, Cher Hendricks also attended.

- Reineke informed the committee that 47 scholarships were given out for the upcoming academic year at this point. Honors is no longer giving out the Honors WUE due to a university decision. The Honors Program Student Ambassadors are in the process of writing postcards to all 257 newly admitted incoming students who were admitted at this point.

- The 2018 Undergraduate Research Symposium, co-hosted by the Honors Program, is April 30, 2018. We encourage students from all different disciplines to submit an abstract.

Honors Program Events Summary

1.) Emily Hill had a “Food for Thought” event on February 22nd from 12:00-1:00pm.
2.) Pfeiffer hosted a “Fireside Chat” on March 27 from 6:00-7:00pm.
3.) Annual Ice Skating event on February 25, 2018 from 1:30-3:00pm was a big hit with 30 students attending.
4.) Reineke attended “Meet the Vandals” in Coeur d’ Alene, ID and Boise, ID on March 5th & March 8th.
5.) Phi Kappa Phi induction ceremony March 20, 2018 from 6:00-7:00pm.
6.) Phi Eta Sigma induction ceremony on March 21, 2018 from 7:00-8:00pm.
7.) Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony April 3, 2018 from 6:00-8:00pm. All induction events were held in the Commons.
8.) Platinum and National Merit Scholar Dinner March 23, 2018 from 6:00-7:30pm.
9.) Uidaho Bound tabling, presentation, and open house on March 24, 2018 & April 14, 2018.
10.) Vice Provost Hendricks and Reineke took a tour to the Honors College at WSU on March 28, 2018.
11.) Academic advising from March 26th-April 13, 2018.
12.) Honors Student Achievement Celebration on April 5, 2018 from 4:30-5:30pm.
13.) Jamaica Ritcher hosted a “Movie and a Prof” on April 10, 2018 from 7:00-9:00pm.
Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2018 from 11:30-12:30pm in the Idaho Commons room 329.