Honors Student Advisory Council (HSAC)

Meeting Minutes

 September 6, 2012

In Attendance: April, Courtney, Grace, Tina, Jasper, Stacy, Ashley, Valarie, Jeremiah, Sarah, Heather and John

Call to Order at 5:06 p.m.

The HSAC is planning to participate in Starvation Gultch by building a bonfire. Tina, serving as the chairperson for the committee, has established planning and is in active communication with the students that have signed up to participate. Several persons are actively collecting pallets. SAO has not released the sign up information or informed when the sign up information is available. Tina will continue the pursuit of such information. To be noted Starvation Gultch will take place on Saturday September 29th.

HSAC is also planning to host a food booth at Starvation Gultch. Stacy has agreed to be the chairperson. In previous years, HSAC has sold chili, but corn dogs were also suggested. Stacy will investigate food matters and booth sign up prospects and report back next week. Grace, Jeremiah and Courtney all agreed to help on the day of the event.

The HSAC is hosting Talk Like a Pirate Day (TLAPD) and Ashley is the chairperson for the event. Ashley has successfully rented two rafts from Outdoor Adventures. The cost of the two rafts is $250 to be paid for by the Honors Program. The rafts can officially carry 21 people combined but OA has assured us that more persons can safely be put in the raft as long as additional life vests are procured. Ashley will need assistance on Friday, September 14 in the evening to pick up the rafts and on Saturday, September 15 at 9am at the Honors House to set up for the event. Ashley and Valerie will produce appropriate PR to promote a run to Value Village next Thursday at 7pm to allow students to purchase material for pirate costumes.

The HSAC website is in need of an updated calendar, particularly some sort of internet link calendar display. The webmaster, Grace will pursue manners to display the calendar and report updates at the next meeting.

In the month of October, HSAC needs an event to host. Ideas for a custom party, pumpkin carving and Honors House decoration were discussed. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting where the discussion will continue.

April, the treasurer, brought it to the attention of HSAC that she is required to host two fundraisers for the academic year. April will be chairing a campus wide Spelling Bee during the month of October. April will look at reserving the Hess Rec, or the Wood Center Multilevel Lounge for the event. Further discussion will be had at later meetings.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is the first week in November. Ashley suggested that Psi Chi would be interested in helping participate in the event. General inquiry into the necessary permits and paperwork needed to authorize camping in Constitution Park will be conducted. Further discussion about HHAW will continue at later meetings.

HSAC has two lockers located in the Honors House. April has communicated with Nycolette regarding locker availability. Currently HSAC can maintain its status of two lockers. It was agreed that if there is a high demand for lockers, HSAC would willingly part with one of the lockers.

HSAC will commence a discussion about adopting a standard for meetings at the next HSAC meeting. Valerie will present on the “consensus method”. Other opinions and meeting standards are welcomed. HSAC members should consider the issue this week and come prepared for a lively discussion on the topic next week.

The status of the HSAC Constitution is unknown. It is unknown whether or not the HFAC has viewed the latest rendition of the HSAC Constitution. Jeremiah will investigate the status of the HSAC Constitution this week.

The meeting was called to adjournment at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Enright.