Honors Student Advisory council- November 17, 2013

Called to order: 2:05 pm

1. Attendance:
   1. Members Present:President Mathew Carrick, Vice President Ashley Strauch, Secretary Stacey Krepel, Treasurer Celie Hull, Student Representatives: Kayleen Hansen, Koty Emery, Shelby Surdyk, Emily Smola, Jordyn Houlton
   2. Excused absence: Lindsey Klueber,
2. Treasurer report: Celie Hull absent, no report
   1. Documentation for reimbursement:
      1. Written proposal for funds should be submitted the meeting before the purchase is made
      2. Emergency purchase appeal to be reimbursed
      3. Suggested that we have set amounts for regular events
         1. Keep track of amount spent in general for next semester/year examples
   2. Written request submitted by Mathew Carrick for a key lock or resettable combo lock
      1. Will hold off on voting over the topic until Mathew looks into the other locks already owned by the Honors Program
   3. Report: $728.37
      1. There are future reimbursements to be made to Lindsey Klueber and Ashley Strauch
3. Events:
   1. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness:
      1. Ongoing : until noon next Sunday
      2. Unknown tent set up at the HHAW site
      3. Suggested that we put some wood in the garage to thaw/dry
         1. We already need to consider going on another wood run
   2. Elections:
      1. Seven people running for the 5 Student Representative positions
      2. Email for bios will be sent out after the meeting
   3. Student Showcase: Koty Emery
      1. This Friday 7:30 p.m. in the Hess rec, flyers are up
   4. Thanksgiving: Emily Smola
      1. About 11 people signed up for dinner
      2. Kerrie Dufseth and Emily Smola are coordinating for shopping
      3. 3 volunteers for cooking
   5. Secret Santa: Stacey Krepel
      1. Email will be sent out tonight to open sign up for the event
      2. Event sign up will close next Sunday and people will be randomly assigned their secret Santas by Stacey Krepel, Mathew Carrick, Ashley Strauch
   6. Christmas Caroling: Ashley Strauch and Mathew Carrick
      1. Not much to report
      2. Low-key caroling across campus
   7. Study night: Ashley Strauch
      1. December 7th, 2:00 pm
      2. Tutors: Stacey Krepel Chemistry, Daniella Wilner Biology, Michael Saccone Physics/math, Kayleen Hansen (listen to presentations)
      3. Structured study time: scheduled breaks and silent times with snacks
   8. Finals Support:
      1. Monday and Tuesday are filled with people to ‘host’, still need Council members to sign up for Wednesday and Thursday
      2. Suggested that we allot ~25.00 budget for each day of Finals Support
   9. Soups On:
      1. Tuesday November 26th 4:00 with Professor Goering
      2. December: Dr. Faudree
      3. Cooking: Attempt to have a vegetarian dish
         1. Shelby Surdyk can help cook, possibly Koty Emery
   10. Media Subcommitte: Ashley Strauch
       1. Need an out-of-HSAC meeting:
          1. Ashley will send out a Doodlpoll shortly for subcommittee members to set up a meeting
       2. Suggested that we update the Gruening poster; talk to Academic Advising to get the key to the box
       3. Stacey Krepel is writing the next blog post
       4. Shelby Surdyk will help Ashley Strauch add people able to edit the blog soon
   11. Staff letters: Emily Smola
       1. The letters are downstairs
          1. Encourage students to sign the letters
       2. Suggested that we talk to Capstone classes to get letters signed
   12. Worms: Emily Smola
       1. The council needs to find a more permanent place for them to stay instead of the dining room
       2. Garage was suggested but we need to make room for them there
       3. Signs about worm care and composting will be posted soon
          1. Limitations on what kind of food can be put in the bins with the worms; they need to be fed once a week
   13. Honors House:
       1. The house now has a bulletin board for flyers!
       2. Should make a contact info sheet (facilities services, OIT for printers, etc.)
          1. Things tend to fall apart when supervisors are gone and we need to learn to take care of the house ourselves
       3. Some opposition by HFAC to 24-hour access building; suggested the building close around 5pm when Kerrie Dufseth leaves
       4. 2-4 week probationary period when student assistant is hired; he or she will do a morning report each day on the condition of the house
          1. If things are not in good condition, we will not be able to keep 24 hour privilege
          2. suggested we have each council member take an evening time to ‘patrol’ house and make sure people keep things clean; talk to honors classes
             1. the only issue is that it may set the precedent that the council is responsible for keeping the house clean
             2. Long ensuing debate over the council stating that we will clean the house vs. not setting that precedent vs. penalty of losing the house
             3. Talk to EACH honors class about the situation/consequences, but the council will NOT be taking time slots to act as ‘patrol’ for the house during probationary time

Note: people talking to classes should definitely not mention that it is only during the probationary time; just say that we could lose 24-hour privilege at any time

* + - * 1. Class: English 213: Celie, Tuesday capstone: Mathew, Monday Capstone: Jordyn, Thursday: Mathew

Other classes will be added when we find the other honors classes not held at the house

* 1. Group photo:
     1. The council will attempt to take a group photo at the December 8th meeting
  2. Shirts:
     1. Send out a listserve to let people know that there are Honors shirts are available to buy
     2. Shirts are not being mailed, no exceptions
        1. Celie Hull will draft an email to send out
  3. Semester in review:
     1. Members still need to write up a semester in review blurb talking about what did and didn’t work, feelings about the council, etc.
  4. Event Checklist
     1. Funding request needs to be added on the checklist
     2. Actually implement these procedures next semester
  5. Slogan for Honors
     1. Apparently has no official standing in the program
        1. Belonged to Virginia Tech, and the council doesn’t want to ‘steal’ it from another college
     2. ‘Slogan-off’ event next semester; competition with a small contest

Meeting adjourned 3:18 pm