Honors Student Advisory council November 24, 2013

Meeting called to order: 2:03

1. Attendance:
   1. President Mathew Carrick, Vice President Ashley Strauch, Secretary Stacey Krepel, Treasurer Celie Hull, Historian Lindsey Klueber, Student Representatives: Kayleen Hansen, Koty Emery, Shelby Surdyk, Jordyn Houlton
   2. Excused: Emily Smola
   3. Guests: Kempur Chabotte
2. Minutes Review: no comments/problems
3. Treasurer’s Report: Celie Hull
   1. Funding request from Mathew Carrick
   2. Does the council want to have a more structured budget?
      1. Suggested we start a line-item budget
         1. Maybe only allocate towards regular events we know will happen
         2. Celie Hull and Mathew Carrick will try to set up a base-line budget during Wintermester
4. Event Recaps
   1. Elections:
      1. Emily Smola, Koty Emery, April Mustard, Kayleen Hansen and Jordyn Houlton, Runner Up: Signe Johnson
   2. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week:
      1. Pretty large amount of donated clothing
      2. Raised $391.71
      3. 40 volunteers,
      4. Wood donated from Northland wood and Span Alaska
      5. Suggestions for next year:
         1. Many volunteers failed to show up to their shifts
         2. In the future, we need to create more of an outreach to get the students that we don’t know as well
         3. A few people didn’t realize that they needed to be there until someone called them
         4. Reminder emails to students for their times
         5. A few people thought that they were signing up for potential times that they were available for and that they would be assigned times later; next year it should be more clear that the time they fill out is the time they are expected to be there
         6. Larger print on the binder for contacts and the schedule
         7. Safety officers: pick safety officers once people are signed up for times so we can get people who are already going to be there
         8. Could the council get the safety officer trainer to come to the mandatory meeting so everyone there could be a safety officer?
      6. HHAW was shut down early, partly due to lack of wood and partly because the weekends are slow for volunteers
      7. Does the council want to post for the national website?
      8. Thank you letter for the Chancellor for wood donation
      9. More holes in the burn barrel
   3. Student Showcase
      1. About 25 students, pretty low-key event, 4 presentations
      2. Room was reserved for 2 hours but the event only took about 1 hour
      3. A lot of few people didn’t really know what to expect
      4. Suggestions:
         1. Make the flyer potentially less formal-sounding?
         2. People really liked the idea that it was open-mic mixed with research and talents; the mix of science and arts was much appreciated
         3. This event is a great set-up for a Fairbanks Ted-ex night
5. Events
   1. Soups On
      1. This Tuesday at 4:00; flyers will be up soon
      2. Volunteers for cooking would be great
   2. Thanksgiving: Emily Smola (absent) and Lindsey Klueber
      1. Shopping trip was successful; got a free turkey from Fred Meyer
      2. Decorations and room set-up are still unclear but will be figured out soon
      3. About 12 people signed up for it
   3. Secret Santa: Ashley Strauch, Mathew Carrick, Stacey Krepel
      1. Emails with Secret Santas are being sent out today
      2. December 6th is the secret santa ‘party’
         1. A few people want to come to the party but don’t want to be part of secret santa
      3. Holiday-shaped cookies; gingerbread-building contest!
      4. For people that can’t make it to the party, we can leave the present under the tree in the living room
   4. Christmas Caroling: Ashley Strauch, Mathew Carrick
      1. Could potentially have it before the Christmas party
      2. The council will potentially combine with Chordinated A Cappella
   5. Finals Support
      1. Funding request for finals support
         1. Up to 25$ per day for finals support
         2. No opposition
      2. Thursday is the only day that there is a gap with no council member signed up for Support
         1. Kayleen Hansen can fill that slot
   6. Study Night: Ashley Strauch, Stacey Krepel
      1. December 7th starting at 2 p.m.
      2. Daniella Wilner and Michael Saccone were invited (and accepted the invitation) to help tutor at the honors study night
6. Other
   1. Honors House
      1. Kerrrie Dufseth is very much in favor of the students keeping house open 24 hours
      2. Suggested we set up monitors to check up each night and make sure rules are being followed
         1. Had a student not on the council email with interest in being a monitor
         2. Suggested that only council members are monitors
            1. However, some non-council members know more students than the council members and would maybe make better monitors to begin with
            2. Ensuing debate over who is a monitor, how they enforce the rules, consequences for not following the rules, etc.
            3. One large issue is the electronics and equipment

Is a way to put the electronics on lock-down so no one can access it past a certain time period

* + - * 1. Really emphasize the fact that if you signed the key waiver, then you are unofficially a house monitor

Emphasize with posters, etc.

* + - 1. Students feel that shutting down the honors house each night would be a serious blow to the actual Honors Program, not just the students who want to use the house
      2. Testimonials are currently being collected about how useful the house is, why we think its important, etc.
      3. Maybe set up a check-in for off-hours
    1. Name ‘Honors House’ should potentially be changed because it gives the wrong impression of what goes on in the house, such as sleeping, etc.
       1. Should be careful about a new name; term ‘learning center’ gives the impression that it will be closed like a regular business
       2. Honors Building, Honors HQ, all suggestions
       3. Suggested the council hold a contest to rename the ‘House’
          1. Would have to leave in a note that the name would have to be approved by the Honors Program or HFAC
  1. Media Subcommittee
     1. Informal meeting last Wednesday
        1. Each person on the council was added as an author on the blog
           1. Preferred that anyone wanting to add a blog send a draft to Ashley Strauch to make sure that there aren’t duplicate blogs, etc.
        2. Newsletter
           1. Each person on the subcommittee will probably write up a summary of each event for the newsletter
           2. It should be done by Finals Week
        3. Postponing the Gruening poster update
           1. We will be putting up a list of general events that we hold each year
           2. Would prefer not to put up a list of council members because we would have to change it each semester
        4. Facebook has been updated
        5. Next semester plans
           1. Each person on the subcommittee will be in charge of something different: newsletter, blog, facebook, etc.
        6. Suggested that the council get a twitter account
  2. HSAC volunteering
     1. Volunteering as HSAC would get the name in the community
        1. If anyone knows of any volunteer opportunities, they should bring it to the council
     2. Women’s Clothing exchange could use some volunteers for their event
  3. Semester in review
     1. Please email Mathew Carrick a review of the semester
  4. Staff letters
     1. Emily Smola is absent
  5. Worms:
     1. Emily Smola is absent
     2. Mathew will check to make sure the worms have been fed
  6. Magazines: Lindsey Klueber
     1. Most of the magazines were called but Lindsey was put on hold most of the time and a couple phone numbers were wrong
     2. Probably won’t happen this semester
  7. Group Photo
     1. Photo on December 8th, weekend after Thanksgiving
  8. Shirts: Celie Hull
     1. 3 shirts have been sold recently and 2 more will be given out tomorrow
  9. Slogan Competition
     1. Kerrie Dufseth is on board for the slogan competition

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