Meeting called to order at 2:00

1. Attendance
   1. Present: President Mathew Carrick, Vice President Ashley Strauch, Secretary Stacey Krepel, Treasurer Celie Hull, Historian Lindsey Klueber, Student Representatives: Kayleen Hansen, Shelby Surdyk, Koty Emery, Emily Smola
   2. Excused: Jordyn Houlton
2. Treasurers report
   1. Lindsey Klueber and Ashley Strauch reimbursed
   2. No new updates
3. Event recap
   1. Soups on with Dr. Goering
      1. About half a dozen students attended
   2. Thanksgiving:Emily Smola and Linsdey Klueber
      1. About 12 students attended
      2. Lots of leftovers
      3. Event was fun and went very well
      4. Suggestions for next year: more seating next year if the council plans to expand the event
         1. Didn’t want to turn students away if they weren’t part of the Honors program because its Thanksgiving and not an exclusive event; however, it should be noted that the council needed to keep tally on the honors students present for funding purposes
      5. Secret Santa: Stacey Krepel
         1. Event went well
            1. About 20 students signed up and 8-10 made it to the actual event/party
         2. Suggestions for next year: maybe a game or two
      6. Caroling: Mathew Carrick
         1. Very few honors students participated
         2. Suggestions: definitely need to have more planning to get more interest/participation from students
      7. Study Night:Ashley Strauch
         1. Went pretty well
            1. All of the tutors showed up
            2. Only three students showed up for less than an hour
         2. Suggestions:
            1. snacks next year
            2. more advertising
            3. should not coincide with the endings of other meetings
            4. schedule for a different weekend other than the weekend after Thanksgiving
            5. should be held on a weeknight
4. Upcoming events:
   1. Finals support:
      1. 25.00 per day budget, plan on feeding about 50 students
5. Media Subcommittee:
   1. Blog is going well
   2. The newsletter needs to be put together
      1. Section on upcoming events, past event recaps
      2. Hopefully will be put together this week/weekend
   3. HSAC has a twitter account
      1. It has 3 followers!
6. Honors Program
   1. HSAC-program integration
      1. More interaction between program and council
         1. Such as working with the program on the newsletter
         2. More advanced planning/communication with events that the program pays for
7. House
   1. No bad comments so far, clean conditions appear to be improving
   2. Washing machine and water filter are broken
      1. Suggested by someone outside the council that once things are broken, they will not be replaced
         1. Proposed that the council take responsibility for keeping the house updated, possibly by requiring a very small fee from the honors students each year
            1. A lot of the students in the honors program don’t use the house and it’s unfair to make them pay for it
            2. However, having a fee might encourage students to use the house more because they are paying for it

Suggested that incoming freshmen and sophomores are required to pay the fee (because they are generally the ones who use the house the most), but returning upper classmen who don’t use the house can make a case to the faculty or Kerrie Dufseth to be exempt from paying the fee.

* + - * 1. Paying the fee will make a strong statement about how the council and student body feel about the house and it might help us to convince the university that we are serious about keeping the house

Would give the council some opinion for what is bought for the house

* + - * 1. These facilities are very useful to students; losing these facilities might give students less incentive to stay in the program

Should be noted that the appliances are made for household use and not for industrial use, which is really how the machines are used currently.

* + - * 1. Proposals for money for this are good but are kind of a temporary solution

Proposal could get everything up and going in the short-run and then the fee would be used as a long-term fix

(On the other extreme): Having a fee will be encouraging students to use the house to its full capacity, which might lead to more abuse of the house and more breakage in general

Other students see it as: I paid for it, therefore, I want to make sure it is taken care of.

We can always threaten to lock down the facilities if it becomes a problem and things are being broken more than they should be

* + 1. Vote for bringing the idea of the fee to the Honors Faculty:
       - 1. In favor: 6
         2. Opposed: 1
         3. One abstained vote
       1. \*Because the vote was not unanimous, bylaws require that the topic be discussed and voted on once more
       2. A lot of the students probably wouldn’t be in favor of this fee
          1. Would have to really make all of the pros and cons for the situation extremely clear to the students when they vote on the topic
       3. Just bringing up the topic to the faculty might make a big enough statement that the council does care, and it might be enough to save the house
          1. Suggested that bringing this to HFAC might give more a ‘fraternal interest’ message as opposed to the ‘responsible council’ message
          2. HSAC does, however, provide a lot of services that are open to all honors students and we encourage participation from everyone, not just a select group
          3. Bringing this to the HFAC has two parts: 1) taking care of the politics associated with the house and 2) keeping the facilities open to the students that we represent
          4. Suggested that it would be more beneficial to the program to have more restrictions on the house use
          5. A lot of students use the house for sake of convenience
          6. Vote

In favor: 6

Abstaining: 2

* 1. Student Assistant
     1. Jason Hendrichs is the new student assistant
     2. Can’t legally make the student assistant a fully-integrated member of the council, but it might be helpful for him to at least have a vote on the council though he wouldn’t be required to go to the meetings
  2. Program requirements
     1. graduation requirements
        1. Proposed the program make knowing a foreign language a requirement for honors graduation
           1. Very little support from the rest of the council

What constitutes ‘knowing’ a foreign language? How many credits would that require?

Could potentially be a requirement for honors distinction, but even that has some issues.

It would be hard to make language a requirement for honors distinction when the program doesn’t yet offer honors language courses

Requiring classes in this area might move students away from other electives such as psychology, world literature, etc.

1. Staff letters
   1. Will be delivered this week
2. Magazines: Lindsey Klueber
   1. Foreign Policy was contacted and she talked to nearly everyone in the hierarchy and then the top person never called back
   2. 90% of companies never emailed back from the first email
   3. If the magazines are never successfully contacted, the council could consider paying for 3-4 magazine subscriptions
   4. Information from Lindsey Klueber will be sent to the media subcommittee
3. Prep for next semester
   1. Please send in your semester reviews to Mathew Carrick
   2. Suggested that for the May graduation, a slide show of honors events will be made by the council
      1. Suggested that the media subcommittee make a googledox solely for pictures
   3. Student survey will be drafted up this semester
4. Other comments
   1. Suggested that the council shouldn’t have a meeting next weekend
      1. Attendance optional
   2. No meeting until next semester; meetings will start the Sunday after classes start

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.