**Honors Student Advisory Council (HSAC) Minutes 3/24/13**

**Present:**

Jeremiah Harrington, President

Jessica McLaughlin, Vice-President

April Mustard, Treasurer

Grace Amundsen, Webmaster

Tina Drumhiller, Historian

Emily Smola, Student Representative

Stacey Krepel, Student Representative

Mathew Carrick, Student Representative

Ashley Strauch, Student Representative

Lindsey Klueber, Guest

**Meeting called to order at 7:30**

**Discussion of the Agenda**

Jeremiah Harrington made a motion to accept the Agenda as-is, with no changes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

In the absence of Secretary Courtney Enright, Mathew Carrick will be taking notes.

**Game Night**

3/22/13

Hosted by Emily Smola

* Summary: Group of students stayed at the Honors House and selected from a variety of games to play (those chosen were Jungle Speed, MarioKart, and Quelf). For refreshment, students used the leftover Honors Program food from the Honors Celebrates the Art event earlier that day and food purchased by the HSAC.
* What can be improved next time?
  + Have more students.
  + Plan farther in advance.
  + Advertise more.

A suggestion was made that the Council ought to host a Game Night event regularly, and a debate was had over whether it was best to do so once or twice a month. The principal concern with hosting the event twice a month was monopolizing the Honors House and preventing quiet studying. While Game Night is by its nature disruptive no matter how infrequently it is done, a point was made that sporadic events, possibly not hosted by the HSAC, could be even more disruptive. By making Game Night a regular feature, the Council could potentially cut down on disruptive non-Council activity.

A suggestion was made that Game Night could be a “last hurrah” of Finals Week, and further discussion was then tabled.

**Chena Hot Springs: Update**

3/29/13

Hosted by Emily Smola

* ~8 people were signed up for the event at that time.
* Emily Smola and Heather Currey have volunteered to provide transportation for students. April Mustard has volunteered as a back-up contact.
* If 10+ students attend, they will be eligible for a family discount, which will reduce costs dramatically. Emily Smola will speak to the Honors Program’s Kerrie Dufseth about having the Honors Program pay for entry costs. Smola will request an Honors Program credit card with a $200 spending cap.
* HSAC may reimburse gas for students, but the Honors Program cannot provide reimbursements.
* As a possible solution to the problem of students who sign up for but do not attend events, a small pre-event monetary commitment could be asked of students. However, the Council was not especially fond of this idea and it was much too late to implement such a scheme for the Chena Hot Springs event.
* Emily Smola will design and distribute posters advertising the event.

**Open Liberal Arts Showcase**

26/3/13 7:00pm-8:30pm

Hosted by Stacey Krepel

* All paperwork necessary for the event to advance has been filed.
* Since HSAC lacks student organization status, the Council cannot directly pay for table and chair rental from Facility Services. As a workaround, HSAC will transfer funds into the Golden Key Honors Society account, and the same money will then be paid by Golden Key. Stacey Krepel and April Mustard will handle this transfer, and will request the presence and assistance of the Honors Program’s Nycolett Ripley.
* Set-up for the event will begin in the Great Hall at approximately 5:00pm.
  + In order to move the piano from the music department, a minimum of 4 people are necessary. One of these will be Michael Keller of the Music Department, who must be present and will arrive at approximately 6:40pm.
* The following Council members have volunteered to help set up and/or finish the event:
  + Stacey Krepel, from 5:40pm on
  + Jeremiah Harrington, who will find and bring a music stand
  + Mathew Carrick, from 5:15pm-5:50pm and from 9:00pm on
  + Ashley Strauch, from 5:00pm on
  + Emily Smola, who will prepare some food in advance
  + April Mustard, who will possibly be available for initial set up
* Stacey Krepel will provide a floor plan for volunteers, which will detail the designated locations of participating artists and musicians.
* Volunteers will meet at the Honors House at 5:00pm.
* Supplies have been purchased by the Honors Program.
* 2 tables will be needed from the Honors Program, and 8 will be provided by Facility Services.
* Hot water dispensers are still needed, and will be located by Stacey Krepel.
* List of volunteer tasks:
  + Setting up tables and chairs: everybody
  + Setting up food table: everybody
  + Chopping up cucumber and lemons for flavored water: Emily Smola
  + Help arts and musicians set up: Ashley Strauch
  + Design floor plan: Stacey Krepel

**Excellence in Teaching Luncheon**

4/2/13

Hosted by Grace Amundsen, Emily Smola, and Ashley Strauch

* Grace Amundsen has designed a menu and estimated attendance sizes
* 9 teachers have been nominated, 6 have RSVP’d as attending, 3 have not yet been contacted.
* Grace Amundsen has designed the voting system and will publish it shortly.
* Some food will be made on Sunday.
* As much work as possible must be done on Sunday, as the Excellence in Teaching Luncheon is a very demanding event.
* Council members who have volunteered to arrive at the Honors House on Sunday, 3/31, at 6:30pm to help set up for the event:
  + Mathew Carrick
  + April Mustard
  + Emily Smola
  + Grace Amundsen
  + Ashley Strauch
  + Lindsey Klueber, non-member
* Jeremiah Harrington will go shopping with the Honor Program’s Kerrie Dufseth on either Wednesday or Friday in order to purchase supplies for the event. The supplies will be purchased by the Honors Program.
  + However, the Honors Program cannot purchase decorations. These must be provided by HSAC.
* Council members who have adopted specific responsibilities:
  + Grace Amundsen will make the Sweet Bread.
  + Emily Smola will purchase moss and decorating materials, and will be reimbursed by the Council for up to $50, as well as design and distribute posters.
  + Ashley Strauch will create a slideshow of Honors photos for the event.
  + Jeremiah Harrington will design a program and announce the event at the next Honors Faculty Advisory Council meeting.
  + Lindsey Klueber, non-member, will create a paper tree for decorations.
* The Council estimates that 75 people will be present at the event.
* The Council will attempt to locate more volunteers for the event.

**Elections**

April

* According to the Constitution and By-Laws, the Council is required to hold elections in April.
* Since Jessica McLaughlin will not be running for re-election, she will be the Elections Chair.
* Since the number of student representative positions open varies according to the size of the Honors Student Body, Jessica McLaughlin will consult the Honors Program for an updated size estimate.
* All positions are open. However, the Webmaster position has been eliminated and will not be on the ballot.

**Constitution/By-Laws**

Jeremiah Harrington requested that the Council hear a list of minor changes he proposed making to the Council’s By-Laws. All were approved unanimously.

**Newsletter**

Mathew Carrick and Jeremiah Harrington will collaborate to produce the April edition of the HSAC newsletter.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.**