**Honors Student Advisory Council (HSAC) Minutes 4/14/13**

**Present:**

Jeremiah Harrington, President

Jessica McLaughlin, Vice-President

April Mustard, Treasurer

Tina Drumhiller, Historian

Grace Amundsen, Webmaster

Stacey Krepel, Student Representative

Martin Harrington, Student Representative

Emily Smola, Student Representative

Mathew Carrick, Student Representative

Ashley Strauch, Student Representative

Lindsey Klueber, Guest

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

**TED Night Recap**

4/12/13

Organized by Mathew Carrick

* The TED Night was a success, with roughly a dozen people in attendance
* In future, TED Night could be improved through a more streamlined TED Talk selection process. Additionally, TED Talks could be downloaded onto the Living Room Mac in order to improve playing time and video quality.
* Both Emily Smola and Mathew Carrick purchased supplies for TED Night, but have declined reimbursement.

**Paula Apsell’s visit to Fairbanks**

4/16-17/13

* Stacey Krepel reports that Dr. Gary Laursen, Honors Program Director, has requested the Council purchase a gift basket for the Honors Program’s guest Paula Apsell.
* Councilmembers propose the following items could be purchased for a welcome basket:
	+ An Honors backpack
	+ Smoked salmon
	+ Ulu
	+ UAF sweatshirt
	+ Alaskan wood bowl
	+ Alaskan honey
	+ Berries
* April mustard will purchase the materials for the welcome basket.

**Councilmember Photos**

* Dr. Laursen has requested pictures of Councilmembers in order to place them on the Honors House walls. Each Councilmember is responsible for his or her own photo.

**Elections**

Jessica McLaughlin is the elections chair.

* Nominations will close at midnight.
* A ballot will be sent to the student body by next Monday.
* 26 students have been nominated (there are 10 open positions), and 11 of these students have been nominated for multiple positions.
* Students will be limited to running for 2 positions at once, in order to prevent clogging the ballot while still ensuring that talented students will secure a seat on the Council.
* Each candidate must send his or her biography to Jessica McLaughlin within 1 week.

**UAF Research Day**

4/30/13

* Jeremiah Harrington will speak to Dr. Barba Taylor of the URSA office in order to clarify how the Council might help in setting up UAF Research Day.
* Ashley Strauch, Mathew Carrick, Stacey Krepel, April Mustard, Jessica McLaughlin, and Jeremiah Harrington have all mentioned that they might be available to volunteer.

**Finals Week**

3/7/13-5/11/13

* The Council is considering distributing “brown bag lunches” to the student body. Under discussion were the possibilities of setting out an HSAC donation bin and having a preparation get-together on May 5th, but no solid decision was reached.

**Honors Graduation**

5/11/13

* Dr. Laursen has requested that Councilmembers volunteer at the Honors Graduation ceremony.
* Mathew Carrick has volunteered; Ashley Strauch and April Mustard have said they may be able to help.

**Honors Shirts**

* The Council has agreed to use Emily Smola’s shirt design, which will be forwarded to the shirt manufacturing company Trademark.
* Should the Council charge for the shirts?
	+ Due to financial regulations, any return on the shirts cannot go to HSAC.
	+ Returns could be forwarded to the Honors Program.
	+ Since the Honors Program is funding the shirt printing and has a budgetary cap on how much money may be spent on creating free items, charging a nominal fee for the shirts may be the best option.
	+ Giving the shirts away for free may encourage wasteful consumption, while a nominal fee would soften the shirts’ drain on Program funds.
	+ If returns go to the Honors Program, should the Council manage shirt storage and distribution? A definite answer was not reached.
* Dr. Laursen would like the Honors Program motto *Ut Prosim* to be featured on the shirts. The Council disagrees.

**Kitchen**

* New posters encouraging hygiene and cleanliness will be placed in the Honors House kitchen.
* Emily Smola will design a poster featuring kittens.

**Honors House Storage Room**

* Kerrie Dufseth and and Nycolett Ripley of the Honors Program have voiced concerns over the state of the Honors House Storage Room following the Excellence in Teaching Luncheon, and have requested that the Council help organize the room.
* While Jeremiah Harrington had previously drafted a map of the Storage Room, it has since been lost and largely ignored.
* Mathew Carrick, Ashley Strauch, and Jessica McLaughlin have volunteered to help organize the Storage Room.
* An e-mail will be sent over the ListServ seeking students interested in helping to organize the Storage Room.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.**