**Honors Student Advisory Council (HSAC) Minutes 4/7/13**

**Present:**

Jeremiah Harrington, President

Jessica McLaughlin, Vice-President

April Treasurer, Mustard

Stacey Krepel, Student Representative

Martin Harrington, Student Representative

Emily Smola, Student Representative

Mathew Carrick, Student Representative

Evan Mathers, Guest

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

**Excellence in Teaching Luncheon**

4/2/13

Organized by Emily Smola, Ashley Strauch, and Grace Amundsen

* Dr. Gary Laursen has made the following comments and requests:
  + In the future, HSAC should announce that the Luncheon will begin at 1:00pm in order to discourage professors from coming too early.
  + Items taken from the Honors House storage room should be returned to the storage room more promptly in future.
* The Council has made the following comments and suggestions for the next Luncheon:
  + There should be a sign-up sheet for a cleaning crew, and more people should stay afterwards to help clean.
  + A greater effort should be made to attract students.
  + Students were concerned about sitting on couches, since seating room was so limited, but wary of sitting on the floor. Perhaps Council members should sit on the floor first in order to establish a precedence.
  + A coat and shoe check should be established next year.

**Elections**

Jessica McLaughlin is the Elections chair

* Election announcement email will be sent out over the Honors ListServ next week.
* Jessica McLaughlin has submitted a draft of the email to the Council. After minor adjustments, the draft was approved.

**TED Night**

4/12/13

Organized by Mathew Carrick

* Mathew Carrick has received several suggestions for TED talks to be watched at the Honors House on Friday the 12th.
* Mathew Carrick has requested the use of the Council stores of food and drink kept in the Honors House storage room. The Council approved the request.

**UAF Research Day**

4/30/13

* Nothing significant was reported.

**Student Organizations Account**

* April Mustard has been informed that the HSAC has approximately $400 in a student organizations account, which was previously unknown.
* However, since the Council is not recognized as a student organization and has an external bank account, it is unlikely that HSAC will be allowed to use the funds.
* That said, the funds have been used to reimburse Golden Key for funding the 3/26/13 Open Liberal Arts event.
* The Wood Center has attempted to convince April Mustard that holding the Council’s funds in a student organization account would be the best option. However, after a review of the pros and cons of such a move, the Council has rejected the offer and decided that an external bank account would be more useful.

**Finals Week Support**

5/7/13-5/11/13

* Tabled for discussion next week.

**T-Shirts**

* After reviewing the two designs submitted to the Council for the T-Shirt Design Contest, the Council decided to declare the contest a draw between Lindsey Klueber and Emily Smola, and to reward both students equally. However, this decision was reversed following a thorough discussion, and Emily Smola declared the winner.
* The Council made a variety of suggestions to improve Emily Smola’s design. Emily Smola has agreed to take these suggestions into account and redraw the design.
* After Emily Smola has finished, the new design will be sent to the Wood Center for professional processing.

**Kitchen**

* The Council’s previous success at keeping the kitchen clean has been faltering, and the kitchen has become regularly dirty again.
* Discussion on which posters to hang has been postponed until next week, in order to allow Councilmembers to be more creative.

**Student Survey**

* No significant decisions were made, and discussion was tabled until next week.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.**