**Honors Advisory Council Meeting**

Friday, September 16, 2022

Lee Campus: U-117

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| Dr. Wendy Chase | *Present* | Dr. Jacquelyn Davis | *Present* |
| Dr. Mark Herman | *Present* | Dr. Rona Axelrod | *Present* |
| Prof. Whitney Rhyne | *Present* | Prof. Leonard Owens | *Present* |
| Prof. Terri Housley | *Present* | Prof. Ihasha Horn | *Present* |
| Prof. Shimul Chowdhury | *Present* |  |  |

1. **Approval of minutes from April**
2. **Information items**
   * 1. **Welcome Professor Lenny Owens!**
3. Thank you to Lenny for all his work on Charlotte and for joining the Honors Advisory Council.
   * 1. **AY 2022-23 Honors Cohort: 112 students**

White: 46% Hisp/Lat: 35% Black: 19% Asian: 2%

Traditional: 68% (of these students, 24% receive Pell grants) Dual-enrolled: 32%

Lee: 72 Charlotte: 22 Collier: 17. Hendry/Glades: 1

1. Thank you to Dr. Davis and Prof. Rhyne for identifying students and encouraging students to apply.
2. 112 students total in the program as of Fall 2022
3. Dr. Chase is going to meet with Amanda Lehrian in hopes to plan some classes in the fall for Hendry/Glades so we can start building a Honors cohort there.
4. Dr. Chase may reach out to Camille Drake-Brassfield about teaching an Honors class from the Charlotte campus (live flex).
   * 1. **Honors Ambassadors**: Christine Burzo, Tyler Harris, Nickyla Hodge, Dasha Mercedes, Diara Mercedes, Tracy Mussotte, Daniel Ocampo, Grace White, Summer Walker

1. Over 20 students applied this year to be ambassadors.
2. 3 are on Charlotte (Christine, Grace, Nickyla). 7 are on Lee (Deborah, Dasha, Diara, Tracy, Daniel, Summer, Tyler).
3. They are planning service-learning events for spring 2022.
4. They will set up a time once a week to be in the Honors Lounge for an information session where students can come and learn more information about Honors.
5. The ambassadors who are peer mentors are going to recruit from their Cornerstone classes.
   * 1. **Update on Collier (Dr. Davis)**
6. The Student Involvement Fair was great and there was a lot of enthusiasm. Students are very interested in the program.
7. The Collier Honors Lounge is being shared with PTK and the Social Justice Union now. It should keep the lounge busy and keep students interested and motivated.
8. Dr. Davis is planning the Rising Star event for the spring. She wants various faculty and current students to speak. Parents should be invited.
9. Dr. Davis is working on getting a student assistant to help her with all things Honors.
10. Dr. Davis said the partnership with New College is a great opportunity and we are doing great things.
    * 1. **Upcoming events:**

**September 21st**: Dr. Sterk’s presentation on transfer and scholarships for DE students

1. Dr. Sterk will do a presentation geared towards DE students at 2:00pm on September 21st.

**October 14th**: Captiva (Professor Horn)

1. There isn’t any funding to rent a bus for Captiva this semester.
2. Right now, Prof. Horn is reaching out to a few clubs in hopes they will give some money to cover the cost of rental vans for the field trip. Funding help from student engagement is a hard no.
3. We should be able to cover two 15-passenger vans (1 from Collier and 1 from Lee). We need drivers (Prof. Horn will drive 1).
4. Hoping for at least 32 students to RSVP for this trip.
5. Prof. Horn thinks we should move to FEE grants in the future to fund this field trip. He is going to speak to Dr. Van Gaalen.

**October 14th:** Open Houses (Dr. Davis)

1. Dr. Chase will be presenting to the Rotary Club on Sanibel that morning.
2. The Honors Ambassadors are aware of the Open House that day and a few will stay behind to help with that. Mitch Schlayer should be there to help out as well.

**October 21st**: FGCU tour of Honors College and Food Forest 2:00-5:00

1. We are doing our annual tour of FGCU.
2. FGCU wants to do better at welcoming our students.
3. Melodie Eichbaur, the Director of Undergrad Research at FGCU is working on a Mellon grant that will include FSW. They are working to get our non-STEM students to transfer there.
4. In a couple weeks, Dr. Chase will hold information sessions about Capstone projects and the Capstone class. The students graduating in the spring will be required to go to begin preparing for their Capstone project.
5. Hoping to pair 8 of our students and 8 of their students to build connections and go to the FURA conference together. The event on December 9th will allow our students to connect with the professors there.
6. FGCU will ghost seats in classes if our students transfer there.
7. FGCU has the WISER program where students are paid to do research with professors.
8. The overall goal is to get FGCU and FSW students/faculty to connect and build relationships to better sew our schools together.

**November 4th**: USF tour of Honors College and Med. School

1. We have 4 students who are pre-med hoping to go to USF.
2. **Discussion items**
   * 1. **Reorganizing the Honors capstone course.**
3. We need 3 instructors for the Capstone class next semester.
   1. Dr. Chase will step away and be a rogue professor helping with anything that is needed.
4. The Capstone projects will have three different disciplines (Dr. Baltodano, Prof. Horn, and Dr. Davis will teach). Jordan Donini will also have a Capstone class for the students in his IDH 2910 class.
5. Hoping for the Research Expo to be more cohesive and “conference like” with it separated into disciplines.
6. Prof. Wiseley wants to teach a version of IDH 2910 in the fall (research methodology and analysis). He wants to focus on experiments, surveys, focus groups and observations. To be determined whether the course should be required.
7. Dr. Davis and Dr. Chase both think Prof. Wiseley’s class would be beneficial for students as they enter into their Capstone class.
8. Dr. Chase asks for thoughts on Prof. Wiseley’s class being required.
   1. Dr. Davis thinks it would be a great class for all students to take to help out all the faculty teaching Capstone.
   2. Prof. Wiseley said he can give two guest lectures in the Capstone classes this spring.
   3. Dr. Axelrod is asking about his commitment to the class (would it be offered every fall semester or both semesters?).
   4. Dr. Chase says we can test drive the course by not making it a requirement.
      1. Dr. McClinton expressed concern for making 3 Honors courses a requirement.
   5. Prof. Rhyne thinks the additional requirement and impact would have to do with whether they enter the program in their first or second year.
   6. Prof. Owens asks if it would have to be a 3-credit hour class and if it could be asynchronous.
   7. Everyone agrees we should offer the class. We will discuss more at our October meeting.
      1. **Other - Alumni**
9. Dr. Davis suggests having a way for current students to connect with alumni.
   1. Ex) Student who is now attending Duke
10. Prof. Rhyne suggests putting student ID numbers in National Student Clearinghouse to gather information. Could make a list of FSW Honors grads now go here…