

Meeting: Student Honors Council Meeting

Date: Monday, August 22, 2016 3:30-4:30 p.m

In Attendance: Julia Whitt, Kat Crawford, Sara Willi, Shelli Matthews, Kimberly Sowell, Mary Ellen Cole, DaShaquan Green, Gwenevere Gilliland, Austin Crawford, Gregory Jones, Justin Serna, Leigha Henson, Josh Mixon, Maci Shearhouse, Leah Whitt, Dr. Janssen, Dr. Burstein, Dr. Schmude, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Wilcox,

1. Welcome and Introductions – Kat Crawford

2. Budget Review – Kat Crawford, Dr. Janssen

Dr. Janssen announced that the Honors Program was given a budget of \$2,280 for the 2016/2017 academic year. Dr. Janssen also noted that a significant part of last year's budget was spent on the field trips. Several attendees voiced support for the Honors Conferences to be given funding priority over the field trips. Dr. Janssen also suggested that the Honors Program hold a fundraiser, such as a book sale, in an effort to raise the budget.

3. Marketing- Kat Crawford

The size of the Honors Program has risen significantly during the last year. The E-blast email being sent out to eligible students has worked well and will be continued. Kat encouraged SHC members to continue the Ambassador Program in which each council member speaks to at least two classes about the Honors Program.

4. Honors Convocation- Dr. Janssen, Kat Crawford

The Honors Convocation will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 in the Student Center auditorium.

5. Honors Clubs – Kat Crawford

Kat Crawford suggested creating clubs within the Honors Program as a way to integrate Honors students. Dr. Schmude and Dr. Anderson both suggested joining clubs already in existence on campus. Dr. Wilcox Suggested forming clubs according to scholastic interests.

6. Book Clubs- Dr. Janssen

Dr. Janssen would like to see some book clubs established within the Honors Program. Students are welcome to email Dr. Janssen with suggestions or questions on this matter.

7. Student Support- Kat Crawford

Kat Crawford would like to see the Honors Program host a student support seminar this semester as in the past semesters. Anyone with suggestions on speakers or topics should email her.

8. Honors Salons – Dr. Janssen

The Honors Salons will be continued this semester as well. Dr. Janssen would like to form a subcommittee of SHC members and faculty to plan the salons. Any SHC members interested in the joining the subcommittee should email Dr. Janssen.

9. Garden Update – *Julia Whitt, Austin Crawford*

Julia and Austin both have a very full semester and are looking for other Honors Students to assist in the management of the garden project. Any students interested in this endeavor should contact Julia Whitt.