

Attendees

Dr. David Janssen

Dr. Rhonda Wilcox

Frank Burns, Development Officer

Ornella Oluwole, SGA President

(There were two other representatives of the Faculty Honors Council, and I missed their names. My apologies)

Timothy Graham, SHC President

Preston Allen, SHC Vice President

Rebecca (Becky) Walls

Lauren Williams

Derrick Vaughner (was late)

Catherine (Kat) Crawford, Recorder

Scholarships/Mentoring

Mr. Frank Burns requested assistance from the council in the form of suggestions and ideas of raising scholarship money and finding mentors and mentees in different fields to match up. For more information, or to submit ideas, Mr. Burns contact information is below.

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Election of Officers

Dr. Janssen nominated Timothy Graham for President. Then we had the fastest and easiest presidential election in history. The only question asked of the candidate was “what is his full name?”

Tim was speechless. And then he wasn't. Upon a request from Dr. Janssen to introduce himself, Tim informed the SHC that his major is English, he does something with professional communications, and he has been a member of the Honors Program for at least 3 years. (He couldn't remember for sure). He has been a council member for one year so far and has been an MC for the Trivia Competition. When asked when he will graduate, Tim once again was unsure about his life. (Someone remind him that he was elected President. He might forget).

Tim Graham was unanimously elected President of the SHC.

President Timothy Graham nominated Preston Allen for Vice President. Nomination is seconded by Ornella Oluwole. As no one else was nominated, and Preston Allen couldn't turn down a nomination by not one, but two presidents, he got the job.

Nobody asked Preston anything. (Sorry Preston)

Preston Allen was unanimously elected Vice President of the SHC.

Rebecca Walls nominated Catherine Crawford for Recorder. Catherine thought Becky was her friend. DR. Janssen seconded the nomination. Catherine has to find a new favorite professor. Despite the excessive wine and cheese from Catherine, she accepted the position because

she was secretly honored and excited, but had a reputation to uphold.

Catherine Crawford was unanimously elected Recorder of the SHC.

Elected Officials Jobs

Prez Tims duties are to determine the presidents duties, and to work with VP Preston and the SHC to create bylaws and standards for the SHC. He is also to determine term limits.

VP Prestons job is vaguely defined as “help the prez”. (And let’s face it; his memory so far is proving that he will need it.)

Kat the Recorders job is to take down notes or minutes of SHC meetings, and send them to Dr. Janssen and the members of the SHC.

Goals

Dr. Janssen stated that his goals for the meeting were to

- define the mission of the SHC
- discuss how to increase membership
- define blueprints of the SHC for the future
- decide if changes need made
- promote leadership within the program

Presidential Party

President Max Burns wants to throw a party for the Honors Program Members. There were three different dates available for the party. Those were 9/25, 10/6, and 10/7. After some discussion, the SHC agreed that having the

party on Thursday, September 25, 2014 was the best option.

The party will be from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

The party theme will be a Fall Cook Out

Mr. Frank Burns suggested sending out a “save the date” notice asap, and then sending a full info email by Monday, September 15.

Dr. Janssen, Prez Tim, and VP Preston will be managing sending out information and invitations for the President’s Party.

Personal Bio

Dr. J and Prez Max are requesting that all SHC members and eventually all HP members submit a short biography.

Upon revisions, please include an email address and, if you want to, a phone number.

These bios will be sent to HP members in the first introduction email as a “get-to-know” the SHC

These bios will be added to the Gordon State webpage at some point.

Recruitment

Ornella suggested that we try and have some honors science courses to try and draw more science majors.

Dr. Janssen said that the dilemma is that it is hard to have science courses with smaller groups, and staffing problems means it is hard to find an Honors professor in Biology.

Kat recommended encouraging Science and Med majors to do embedded science courses.

Dr. J is requesting that all SHC members help pass the word about his Honors Program Workshop. The workshop is this coming Monday (9/15). SHC members can accomplish this by passing out flyers and talking about it to their classes with the permission of their professors.

Field Trips

Due to time restraints, we were unable to discuss field trip ideas. Members are requested to send ideas to Prez Tim. SHC members will vote on ideas later.

Remember that students attending field trips must pay 50% of the cost of the event.

Please keep it clean, and no pubs. Taverns are fine though.

Service Opportunities

Dr. Wilcox has requested that the SHC consider organizing some kind of emergency help for victims of domestic violence and other people in need.

Ideas about emergency house, counseling, and anything else related are welcome. Maybe someone in the SHC could take the lead on this?

It was also recommended that we reach out to other clubs to get their help on this project.

Graduate School

One of the guys whose name I missed brought up a meeting about Graduate School counseling in relation with Dr. Erica Johnson. I missed anything else, so if you know more about this, please forward the info.

Newman Club

How can we help the Newman club food drive?
And do we want to do a clothes drive?

We have agreed to put a donation box in the Honors house.

Next Meeting

The next SHC meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2014. Time is tba.

Note from Kat

I've never taken notes for anyone except me before, so any and all feedback is welcome (please be kind). And I KNOW! I suck at apostrophes.

Have a great weekend guys!