Honors and Scholars Program Council

Meeting Minutes from 4/15/15

Members in attendance:

**Faculty/Staff:** **Terry Byrne, Maria Domingo, Brenda Ghitulescu, Deborah Hutton, Matt Middleton, Abby O’Connor, Glenn Steinberg,** **Chris Wagner**

**Students:** **Katherine Callahan**, **Marc Casale**, **Karl Weiskopf**

* Meeting minutes were approved.
* Updates from Prof. Hutton:
  + Deborah travelled with 12 students to the NE regional honors conference. All 12 students gave presentations.
  + Honors medallions given out during ceremony on Thursday April 22.
* Honors reception for Accepted Students day – Glenn and Abby gave the presentation in Brower with the help of students Marc, Karl, and Katherine. About 200 people were in attendance.
* Met with Ryan Farnkopf from Res life to discuss the role of res life on the Honors program. Discussed the assessment findings and students perspectivies on honors housing on campus.
* Discussed the mentors program with Syndi Barish. The addition of super mentors helped streamline the mentor program. Some events included a picnic, pizza party, and, honors tea. The super mentor picked the mentors using an application process. The difficulties observed include matching the mentor and mentee, a lack of a sense of obligation to meet, and difficulty in all students meeting.
* Council briefly discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the honors program based on the assessment survey. A document was complied with these traits and will be available to the council via email and the dropbox in folder labeled Assessment Spring 2015.
* O’Connor finalized the notes for the assessment and posted the document onto the dropbox, in folder labeled Assessment Spring 2015.
* *Updates since our last meeting.*
  + *Deborah Hutton will be stepping down as coordinator of the honors program. Kit Murphy will solicit and request from faculty soon. If you have questions email Deborah directly. The list of responsibilities for the coordinator will go down.*
  + *This is the largest entering class of Honors freshmen, 160 students were admitted right now.*