

Steering Committee of the College Honors Institute (CHI)
March 4, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Daniel Bahner, Debbie Bogh, T.L. Brink, Troy Dial, Gwen DiPonio, Jennifer Floerke, Rick Hogrefe, Ty Hopp, Farhad Mansourian, Steve Ramirez

Members Absent: Jane Beitscher, Judi Harrington, Elizabeth Langenfeld, Ted Phillips, Benjamin Wallsten, Ruby Zuniga

1. The February 4, 2012 minutes were approved.
2. A copy of the CHI goals and objectives, as listed in the annual plan, were disseminated and discussed. The committee was in agreement with all of the goals and objectives and was in support of trying to put together a Fall "retreat" for CHI students either right before the semester or within the first couple of weeks of the semester.
3. T.L. Brink, Troy Dial, and Jennifer Floerke all attended The Teaching and Learning Symposium held at Saddleback College on February 22, 2013. T.L. reported that CHI is aligned with other honors programs. Troy reported that each campus approaches honors counseling differently. Saddleback has their honors counselor in the Transfer Center, Rio Hondo has 300 honors students and the counselor has an assistant, MSJC has all counselors see all students, RCC has designated honors counselors.
4. Rick reported that Tea with the Deans was a great success with 163 students showing up. Daniel recommended that the deans be announced or something so they are recognizable to the students. Rick suggested having the deans line up to greet students as they come in. Rick will find funding for the event from another source rather than from the CHI budget in the future.
5. The agenda for the Spring Honors Luncheon was discussed. It was decided that for the Fall Luncheons we should provide some sort of entertainment like karaoke, or something fun and the Spring Luncheons should include recognizing the CHI completers. T.L. suggested giving each completer a few minutes to talk about their CHI experience before presenting them with their stole and certificate. We should also recognize all graduating CHI students. For this luncheon Jennifer is going to try to have the CHI film ready to "reveal" as well as some pictures from conferences and other CHI events. We should also have a program for the Luncheon.
6. Ty Hopp reported for the CHI Ambassadors. They have planned a UCLA campus tour. Their high school outreach has had poor reception but they are still trying. Their "Nerd Gatherings," where they meet off campus to play games, see movies, etc., have been a success. They are planning to get CHI students together to discuss what they liked and didn't like about their Honors courses in order to provide feedback for the program.

7. Other issues or concerns:

- Discussion about the informality of the Honors Lounge led to the decision that there needs to be enforcement of Lounge hours and distinct areas for study (inside) and socializing (patio). Volume and content of conversations in the Lounge should also be somewhat monitored to make sure it is conducive to learning and is not disruptive to the Transfer Center. This information can be passed on to students during the Fall orientations, a handout, or signage.
- It was decided that the GPA requirement to enter CHI would go back to 3.25 for both high school students and CHC students. The SAT and ACT scores are no longer going to be an admittance consideration.
- Liz Langenfeld was added to the committee in Ryan Bartlett's place.
- We need to make sure that CHI completers are in the graduation program and talk to Rebecca about recognition at convocation.