

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

Members Present: Debbie Bogh, Troy Dial, Gwen DiPonio, Jennifer Floerke

Members Absent: Daniel Bahner, T.L. Brink, Farhad Mansourian, Julie McKee, Rick Hogrefe, Steve Ramirez, Ruby Zuniga

1. The minutes from October 7, 2013 meeting were approved.
2. It was reported that the Luncheon with Honors Faculty was a success with about 15 students and 15 faculty who attended. There was a lot of interaction between faculty and students. Having the new schedule of classes available is something we should plan for next semester like we have done in the past.
3. Troy and Jennifer reported on the Teaching and Learning Symposium at Mills College, October 18, 2013. The committee discussed the problems other programs are having with some of their honors contracts and capstone classes. The schools who presented how to get STEM honors courses have a single unit class that acts almost as an honors contract. The committee discussed that option and decided that honors students cannot spare the extra unneeded unit so we will not be adopting that method at this time.
4. Six abstracts were received by students for the CHC Student Research Conference, November 16, 2013. Debbie and Jennifer will show up early to set up. The entire event will be held in LRC 226.
5. The committee discussed the logistics and program of the upcoming NCHC Conference in New Orleans, November 6-10, 2013. Troy Dial, Gwen DiPonio, Jennifer Floerke and Rick Hogrefe will all attend.
6. There was a brief discussion about teaching online Honors courses. It was decided to revisit the topic after gather information at the NCHC conference and when there are more committee members present.