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Honors Program Committee Minutes Meeting: September 17, 1993

The meeting of the Honors Program Committee was called to order at 3:10 p.m. in the Academic Honors House by Chairman Luckey.

Members Present

Kevin Kefgen, sophomore representative Todd Wilson, junior representative Lenore Womack, senior representative Howard Setser, Arts and Sciences representative Mac Luckey, chairman

Members Absent

Jacek Ganowicz, Education and Behavioral Sciences representative Mike Mincey, Vice-President for Student Life

Regrets were received from Jacek Ganowicz and Mike Mincey.

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. The minutes of the May 5, 1993 meeting were presented for approval.
 - 1. Setser moved to approve them as distributed. Womack seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.
- B. Following approval of the minutes, a moment of silence was observed at the request of Chairman Luckey in honor and memory of Bill Rodgers, a former member of the Honors Program Committee who recently died.

II. Director's Report

- A. The Honors Program Committee is required to meet once a month.
 - 1. The committee is a representative committee made up of four faculty members and three students, each holding equal responsibility and power.
 - 2. The committee must select the recipients for the program's scholarships.
 - a. Forty scholarships are available for Honors Program students, set at \$600.00 each.
 - b. Ten scholarships are awarded each fall to incoming first-year students.

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- B. Several events for the Honors Program members are scheduled for the fall semester.
 - 1. The fall Honors Roundtable will be hosted by the University of Kentucky on Saturday, September 25, 1993.
 - a. MSU students will leave at 7:00 a.m. Saturday from the Honors House.
 - b. 40 students will be attending from MSU.
 - 2. The National Collegiate Honors Council Convention will be held in St. Louis, October 27-31.
 - a. Eight MSU students will be making presentations.
 - b. Travel expense requests will be sent out next week to the chairs, deans, and academic vice-president.
 - (1) The total cost for the trip is over \$3200.00
 - c. Students will leave from Lexington at 12:00 a.m. on October 27, with the members from the Eastern Kentucky University Honors Program.
 - 3. A fall field trip for Honors 101 is being considered.
 - a. Luckey would like take them to the Speed Art Museum and the Museum of Science and Technology in Louisville or to the Cincinnati Art Museum.
- C. Other comments made by the Director.
 - 1. The annual honors picnic at the Luckey's home was a success.
 - a. Dr. Eaglin was present and He urged the students to consider returning to Kentucky after completing their educations.
 - b. 65-70 students and faculty were in attendance.
 - 2. Honors 101 students seem enthusiastic. They are required to take MSU 101 with Bev McCormick as a group.
 - a. Marc Glasser has made the comment that MSU 101 seems to have a positive effect on the students.
 - 3. Faculty problems have arisen due to the number of new honors students.
 - a. Luckey is negotiating for two sections of Honors 102, and he will keep the committee informed.
 - b. Luckey has requested that the Honors House be moved to the Garred House after hearing rumors that the current house will be demolished.
 - (1) The Center for Critical Thinking would also be housed at the Garred house.

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III. Honors Secretary Report

- A. Scholarships have been awarded to first-year honors students.
 - 1. Two scholarships have been awarded for one year to a junior and a senior.
 - 2. Angela Adkins, who transferred to EKU, had her scholarship reassigned to Amy Claxon.
- B. The fall enrollment for the program is around 80 students.
- C. A new computer desk, filing cabinet, and other office supplies have been ordered for the program office.
- D. Jennings' responsibility now consists of half-time Honors Program, half-time Center for Critical Thinking.

IV. Student Reports

- A. The Honors Student Association (HSA) sponsored a pizza party for all members on Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Fields Hall.
 - 1. 35 members attended.
 - 2. Movies provided the entertainment.
 - 3. HSA may try to sponsor such an event once a month.
- B. The second Honors Program newsletter is going to be sent out soon. Volunteers will help Todd Wilson with the project.
 - 1. Luckey volunteered to proof-read each newsletter.
 - 2. A title for the newsletter has not been decided upon.

V. Other

- A. The Center for Critical Thinking will be directed by Luckey.
 - 1. Workshops will be provided for faculty and other interested parties.
- 2. The Center is also responsible, in part, for providing inservice workshops for public schools teacher, because the Kentucky Educational Reform Act is based on goals and methods of critical thinking.

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- B. Elections for Secretary and Vice-Chairman were held.
 - 1. Kefgen nominated Womack for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Wilson. Election was unanimous, with one abstention.
 - 2. Setser nominated Kefgen for Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Wilson. Election was unanimous with one abstention.
- C. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, October 15, at 4:10 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Know Womack

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