

## **University Honors College Council**

January 12, 2012

### **Minutes**

Present: Ed Jensen, Dan Arp, Toni Doolen, Richard Cuenca, Lubna Khan (student), Jackson Dougan (student)

Main topic: what are the ramifications of the Honors College growing in size—both in absolute numbers and in proportion to the growth of OSU?

How much growth is reasonable?

How do we achieve these goals?

How do we maintain quality instruction in the face of growth?

Discussion points:

1. Dan recounted the rationale for growth.
  - a. The rationale and targets seemed reasonable to the members present.
2. We briefly discussed ways in which the HC is trying to achieve these goals.
3. Most of the discussion centered around impact of the growth on the quality of the experience for HC students
  - a. We discussed perhaps 10 separate items that could be affected by growth--such as class size, need to grow HC faculty, supervision of theses, access to SLUG, etc.
  - b. Every issue that we could think of has been taken into account in a thoughtful fashion.
  - c. Access to SLUG and its resources seems to be the hardest thing to change, since it's limited in space. But this, too, is likely to change as UHC moves locations twice in the next several years.

Potential agenda times for next meeting (shooting for late April):

1. Why don't more students who are qualified to enroll in UHC do so?
  - a. Ed and Susie have polled advisors and Ed will summarize for the committee.
2. How can we improve the thesis requirement so that it is less of a barrier to enrollment and completion (while still maintaining the quality and integrity of the requirement).