**HBC:** Submitted April 10, 2010

**Committee Name: Honors Board**

**Chair: Terry Delpier**

**Subject: Annual Report to the Academic Senate for 2010-2011**

**Date: April 19, 2011**

**General Information:**

The Honors Board is responsible for the approval, oversight and evaluation of the Honors Program. HBC held its first organizational meeting on October 10, 2010 and will have met seven times during the academic year. This report lists the activities of HBC from October 10, 2009 through March 18, 2011.

**Membership:**

***Faculty*** Terry Delpier (Nursing)

Nell Kupper (Modern Languages and Literatures)

Kevin McDonough (Library)

Carolyn Lowe (Education)

Glenna Pendleton (Business)

 Jim McCommons (English)

 Jonathan Allen (Political Science)

 Mark Jacobs (Physics)

 Stephen Grugin (Music)

***Students*** Hunter Harig (upper division HSO representative)

 Morgan Raether (lower division HSO representative, Fall 2010)

Cassie Pelky (lower division HSO representative, Winter 2011)

***Administrators***  Michael Broadway (Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences)

 Dale Kapla (Department Head, Criminal Justice)

***Director (ex officio)*** David Wood (English)

***Administrative Support*** Georgia Tillotson (Honors Program Secretary)

**Selection of Chair for 2011-2012:** This has not been completed.

**The major challenges/opportunities for the committee for the 2010 – 2011 year have been:**

* Recruit faculty to teach in the Honors Program.
* Streamline the Application process and the Evaluation process.
* Recruit prospective students.

**Interim Director/Director**

* David Wood was named as Interim Director June 1, 2010
* David Wood was named as permanent Honors Program Director by Associate Provost Terry Seethoff, announced January 2011.

**Operation of the Program**

* **Application Process**
	+ Modified the Application process for Honors Faculty status. There are no deadlines for applications. Applications will be evaluated by a faculty subcommittee as they are submitted.
	+ The application form was modified to reflect the new curriculum.
	+ The HB form used to evaluate the application was also modified.
	+ Faculty subcommittees completed reviews of faculty applications.
* **Approved Faculty Applications:**
	+ David Wood: approved to teach HON 101 – Classical Traditions, 7/19/10
	+ Timothy Hilton: approved to teach HON211 – The Social Sciences: Social Welfare Issues of the Upper Peninsula, 7/19/10
	+ Russ Prather: approved HON 112 – Modern Art-American Sources, 7/19/10
	+ Gabriel Brahm: approved to teach HON 112 – Literature, Art, & Public Life in 20th-Century America (and After), 11/1/10,
	+ 2 faculty applications are pending
* **Approved Honors Faculty Status**
	+ David Wood: Level 1, 7/19/10
	+ Timothy Hilton: Level 1, 7/19/10
	+ Gabriel Brahm, Level 1, 11/1/10
	+ 2 faculty applications are pending
* **Evaluation Process**
	+ Faculty subcommittees completed reviews of three faculty evaluations.
	+ Current process requests Honors faculty to submit a reflection statement and copies of student evaluations. Faculty currently use evaluation forms from their department with 6 additional “Honors” questions. The difference between forms was substantial. HB recognized that having one student evaluation form would be beneficial.
	+ Began modifying the student evaluation form. Have requested feedback from Honors faculty and Department Heads.
* **Courses Taught:**
	+ **Fall 2010**
		- David Wood: HON 101
		- Timothy Hilton: HON211
		- Russ Prather: HON 112
	+ **Winter 2011**
		- David Wood: HON 101
		- Gabriel Brahm: HON 112

**HB Committee Logistics**

* Requested CEC to list HB meeting times: Friday, 12-2pm.

**Honors Students:**

***HSO activities***

* Fall 2010 activities: picnic, bonfire, hike, Fall Ball
* Winter 2011 activities: spring dance, potluck
* Winter 2011 sponsored campus activity: Speaker - Dina Temple-Raston
* Fund raising: t-shirt sale, bake sales

***Financial Support of Honors Students***

* **John and Shirley Berry Annual Scholarship has been established, beginning Fall 2011**
	+ $5000/year, up to four years, 2 recipients for Fall 2011
	+ Priority to Honors students in Business. Next priority: science, technology, engineering and math majors.

***Recruitment Events***

* Wildcat Weekend
* Presidential Scholarship competition

***Honors Program support for student field experiences and conference travel:***

* EN 495 Canadian Culture and Society: Honors program students travelled to Canada in August 2010 with Interim Director David Wood and Timothy Hilton. August 2010
* Eight Honors students attended a Milwaukee Symphony performance of Mozart’s Requiem, October 2010.
* Three Honors students presented their research at the National Collegiate Honors Council’s Annual conference in Kansas City, MO, October 2010.
* HON 112 students visited 3 museums, Fall 2010
* HP Art & Design student will travel to the Milan Design Show, April 2011.
* HP student will travel to Istanbul to present her research.
* Supported the Quiz Bowl students who competed in Green Bay, WI. Winter 2011.
* HON 495 – Eight students will travel to the Stratford festival in Ontario in August 2011.

**Future Work for HBC:**

* Work to improve logistics:
	+ Improve guidelines for capstone project.
	+ Streamline Documents regarding Honors Program Application & Evaluation
	+ Finalize Evaluation Process
	+ Differentiate the duties of the Honors Board and Honors Program Director
	+ Development of an Honors Program Policies Manual
* Improve student retention:
	+ Develop a list of faculty advisors by academic departments
	+ Schedule survey of honors students regularly
* Work to identify a dedicated space on campus for honors students.
* Ongoing recruitment of Faculty for Honors Faculty Status
* Plan for curriculum changes: Goals for 2011-2012
	+ Need additional Division 2 course
	+ Permanent number for Stratford course

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Honors Program secretary, Georgia Tillotson, and the Honors Program Director, David Wood for their dedication during this academic year. I am grateful to the students, Hunter, Morgan, and Cassie for their enthusiasm and their valuable perceptions. Thank you also to Dale Kapla for providing the committee with administrative perspective. I would also like to commend the faculty for their work this year: Kevin McDonough, Glenna Pendleton, Jim McCommons, Jonathan Allen, Mark Jacobs, and Carolyn Lowe. I have appreciated their regular attendance, their insight, and their efforts, as we worked to turn policy into practice.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Delpier

Chair, Honors Board Committee