**Honors College Council, Spring of 2013**

Alexis Scholtes - President

Gregory Carter - Vice President

Dominick DiMercurio II - Secretary

Lily Hsiao - Treasurer

Dr. Guzman-Rea - Faculty advisory

[The above appeared at the head of each email.]

[Subject line: “My secretarial notes for YYYY.MM.DD”]

**First meeting of February (02/06)**

Attendees:

*Alexis Scholtes*

*Gregory Carter*

*Dominick DiMercurio II*

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Items discussed:

Lunches in the lounge

Once monthly: Feb, March, April, and May.

Dr. Hrabowski is scheduled for May 8th.

We would like to focus more on STEM professors for this semester.

We hope to get one or two STEM professors to speak.

Potential professors for Feb, March, Apr:

* Timinski (1) - *Chemistry*
* Orgelfinger (1) - *English*
* Anderson (2) - *Physics*
* Field (2) -*Linguistics*
* Hoffman (3) - *Mathematics*
* Worcheski (3) -*Physics*

The numbers are the priority of who we will ask.

Note: strong preference for MWF lunches.

Trivia game tournament

Needs an official name.

Planned dates: Mar 5, 7, 12, 14 @ 7 pm.

Teams of four, at least one Honors College student per team (otherwise open to whole campus)

Team scoring lowest points will be eliminated until we have a final winner (how exactly will be determined when we know how many teams)

Prize funding: SGA?, through Honors College?

Topics of each game night.  The first night will be General Academic Trivia.  If it is successful, we will continue the other three nights under the following topics:

* STEM
* Arts & Humanities
* Social Sciences

Ideally, players should be encouraged to form interdisciplinary teams (composed of people with different academic backgrounds).

Interest will be assessed through myUMBC and Facebook polls.

After which, an official sign up sheet will be made.

Vegas Night (in place of Mirror Ball)

* charge money to attend (money toward a charity)
* prizes offered via ticket system?
* mid to late April

Honors College merchandise

Talked at length last semester, more discussion in future meetings

Recruiting members

* These notes will be modified and placed on Facebook, myUMBC to promote awareness of council activities
* Along with the notes, Honors College students are invited to attend meetings, in hopes of expanding the council

**Second meeting of February (2/27)**

Attendees

*Alexis Scholtes*

*Gregory Carter*

*Dominick DiMercurio II*

*Lily Hsiao*

Items discussed

* **Dates of upcoming events:**
* Fullbright information session to be held **Wednesday, March 27th** during free hour.
* Alexis and Cam have volunteered to run the Just for Juniors event on **April 6th.**
* The Retriever Academic Bowl will be held either **Tuesday April 9th**or **16th** from 7 to 9 PM.
* Vegas Night to be held **Thursday, May 2nd**.
* **April lunch in the lounges:**
* Alexis will contact Dr. Orgelfinger to see if she is willing to host a lunch in early April.
* Dominick will contact Mr. Tyminski to see if he is willing to host a lunch in late April.
* **Retriever Academic Bowl\*:**
* People can form teams of four.  They will choose a Team Captain to represent a department of their choosing.
* Participation is open to everyone on campus, but advertisement will be focused on scholar programs.
* Topics of trivia questions: Arts and Humanities, Current Events, Language and Culture, Physical and Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Technology and Engineering.
* Prizes: $100 gift card, trophy for first place; small items for second and third places
* Gameplay ideas: Begin with a lightning round to eliminate teams.  Also, we want to investigate using Clicker software as a means of a buzzer.

\*I just thought of an idea:  we could use "The Dog Bowl" as an informal nickname.  It's punny.

* **Funding-related ideas:**
* We will contact Trent from the club Enigma to see if they will be willing to cosponsor Vegas Night.
* Lily will find out how much money we can get from SGA for the Retriever Academic Bowl.

**First meeting of March (3/13)\***

\*Last week's meeting was cancelled due to school closing

Attendees:

*Alexis Scholtes*

*Gregory Carter*

*Dominick DiMercurio II*

Items discussed:

* **Vegas Night (May 2nd)**
* Todo: Add long table for food, prizes to layout.  (Lisa!)
* Todo: Print fake money
* Expecting: 40 participants
* Food ideas: hors d'oeuvres, "mocktails", pizza?, sparkling cider? (depending on budge)
* Prizes: from Oriental Trading, in addition to a larger prize (via silent auction), also: raffle tickets could be "bought" (1 ticket = 5 fake dollars).
* Games: cards, dice (Yahtzee?), Roulette wheel
* Cost of tickets: either a discount could be offered if purchased beforehand, or perhaps pre-order tickets will come with twice as much fake money
* Question:  Can extra fake money be purchased with real money?
* **Retriever Academic Bowl (April 9th)**
* Todo (ASAP): Get prizes (Bookstore gift certificates as grand prize)
* Todo (ASAP): Make a sign up sheet through some sort of Doodle page, Google doc, or other survey website (put a link on myUMBC group)
* Todo (Immediately after break): Advertise through scholar programs
* Incentive: give out free candy for all who show up
* The six categories (Arts and Humanities, Physical and Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Social Sciences, Language and Culture, Current Events)
* Gathering questions (we expect to need 20 questions per round) from professors:
* A&H:**Beverly Bickel, Timothy Phin, Robert Rivkin, Stephen Caracciolo**
* P&N.S.: **Tara Carpenter, Kevin Omland, Eric Anderson, Michael Muscedere**
* E&T: **Shawn Lupoli, Crystal Diaz, Marie desJardins, Charles LaBerge**
* S.S.: **Simon Stacey, Jodi Kelber-Kaye, Mark Thomas, Robert Bouton**
* L&C.: **John Stolle-McAllister, Thomas Field, Ellen Spitz, Judith Schneider**
* We plan to ask each professor to provide two or three broad trivia questions from their field.  Their participation will get recognition during the academic bowl as their questions are asked and we will invite them to watch the event.
* We, as the council, will provide additional questions as needed and create current event questions as well.
* **April lunches in the lounge**
* Dominick emailed Mr. Tyminski.  Reported no response.
* Alexis will email Dr. Orgelfinger to speak in early April.
* Cam will email Dr. Anderson to speak in late April (in lieu of Tyminski).
* **Town Council idea  (Wed. April 3rd?)**
* Lisa provided the idea that we have a town council meeting once a month, open to all Honors College students.
* This will be a way to recruit new members and hopefully will continue into following years.
* So basically:  3 "closed" (officers only) Honors College Council meetings and 1 "open" Town Council meeting each month
* We want the first meeting to be in April, set up similarly to a lunch in the lounge (food)
* In the first meeting we will discuss elections (since we are so short on members to even hold an election)
* **SGA funding**
* Lily Hsiao will investigate SGA as a potential funding resource.

**First meeting of April (04/03)**

Attendees:

*Alexis Scholtes*

*Gregory (Cam) Carter*

*Lily Hsiao*

*Dominick DiMercurio II*

Items discussed:

* **Funding**
* Lily reported: We did not secure SGA funding.
* All funding will be done through the Honors College instead.
* Lisa reported: Changing credit cards, thus no purchases possible April 18-25
* **Retriever Academic Bowl**
* Choices of day:  Tuesday April 16th or Thursday April 18th, from 7:00PM - 9:00PM
* Hey, Lisa!  Could you check lecture hall availability for the above?
* \*\*Advertising: myUMBC, Facebook, email other scholar program directors, word of mouth\*\*
* TODO: Post sign up sheets, note: chose team captains to represent a scholar program, encourage being interdisciplinary
* Food/candy/prizes?
* Browse online: Oriental Trading, Party City
* As for actual trivia questions:
	+ Dominick received no responses
	+ Dr. Carpenter responded to Alexis, questions are on the Google doc.
	+ Professor Rivkin responded to Lily
	+ Dominick, Alexis, and Cam will meet up tomorrow in Harbor to form more questions
* **Lunches in the Lounge**
* Hrabowski, **Wed. May 8th**, free hour, Fireside Lounge (3rd floor of the Commons)
* No other lunches (other professors did not respond)
* Town Hall Meeting, **Friday April 26th:**topics = Academic Bowl feedback, Vegas Night advertisement, elections
* **Vegas Night (May 2nd)**
* Food? Fake money or chips?  Prizes: raffle ticket system?
* Purchase a customized banner from Oriental Trading: "Honors College Vegas Night"
* Game ideas: poker, blackjack, dice games, roulette, virtual horse race, Speed Solitaire, Bingo, card games, darts
* Game setup: Each game at a separate table
* Estimate: 40 people.

**Recruiting Link (explained below):**

<http://doodle.com/29vriwic62cpp35z>

**Schedule of upcoming events**



**Second meeting of April (04/10)**

Attendees:

*Alexis Marie Scholtes*

*Gregory Cameron Carter*

*Dominick No-middle-name DiMercurio II*

Items discussed:

* **Retriever Academic Bowl**
* There have been no sign ups as of yet.  (Will end Sunday night)
* Advertising is critical, otherwise we may have to cancel the event.
* Prizes, can Lisa order bookstore gift certificates?
* Tomorrow at 7pm, Cam, Alexis, and I will meet in LH1 to test clickers and finish formatting questions
* **Elections and officers**
* Alexis, Cam, and I are not running again (Is Lily?)
* New position made: "Honors Forum Liaison", pending approval from Drs. Stacey and Kelber-Kaye
* The Honors Forum Liaison would be a team leader of Honors Forum, appointed by the previous president, whose role will be to give HCC-related announcements at Honors Forum.
* As for the other four positions, there will be elections.
* Post it on myUMBC, Facebook, other advertisement
* Advertise it during the Dog Bowl and at Vegas night
* Recruit members through Honors Seminars **this is where the doodle link comes in:**
	+ Lily, Alexis, Cam, Dom: sign up for any spots when you are available
	+ We can try to split up the work evenly.  I put the list of class times and places on the bottom of this page.
	+ Next week: Email professors asking if they wouldn't mind us taking 5 mins of their time to recruit Honors students to run for office next year.
* **Town Hall**
* Sign up sheet (online and on the door of the lounge)
* Max: 25 people
* 3 or 4 pizzas
* Topics: feedback on Dog Bowl, ideas, advertise Vegas Night, \*\*\*discuss elections\*\*\*
* **Vegas Night**
* Purchase items from Oriental Trading (Alexis, Cam, and I will browse this tomorrow during our informal meeting)
* Possible "entertainment" : Alexis as a magician (?)
* Games (each at a separate table):
	+ darts
	+ cards/dice games (e.g., Blackjack)
	+ Bingo
	+ virtual horse race
	+ will we be able to obtain a Roulette Wheel?

*The first week of recruiting:*

MoWe 10:00AM Sarah Leupen, ACIV 006

MoWe 11:30AM William Lord, AOK 216M

MoWe 2:30PM Kathleen Hoffman M&P 401

MoWe 2:30PM Ellen Spitz, ITE 233

TuTh 8:30AM John Birkenmeier, ACIV 003

TuTh 10:00AM Timothy Phin AOK 216M

TuTh 10:00AM Robin Farabaugh, SOND 206

TuTh 11:30AM Anupam Joshi, AOK 216M

TuTh 11:30AM Bambi Chapin, PAHB 216

TuTh 11:30AM Jerome Nance FA 536

TuTh 1:00PM Eric Brown, SOND 409

TuTh 2:30PM Maria Gomez-Rubio M&P 105

*The second week of recruiting*

Mo 2:30PM Terrance Worchesky UC 115D

Mo 4:30PM Jessica Guzman-Rea FA 018

Mo 4:30PM Ellen Spitz, AOK 216M

Tu 1:00PM Jodi Kelber-kaye AOK 216M

We 1:00PM Simon Stacey AOK 216M

We 1:00PM Ian George UC 115D

We 4:30PM Ellen Spitz, AOK 216M

Th 1:00PM Tara Carpenter, MEYR 272

Th 2:30PM Eric Brown, ADMIN 729

**Third meeting of April (04/17)**

Attendees:

*A. Scholtes*

*C. Carter*

*D. DiMercurio*

*L. Hsiao*

Items discussed:

* **Elections**
* Recruit candidates from Honors seminars (see **Recruit Schedule**at the bottom of this email)
* First: email professors asking for five minutes of their time
* Elections will be done through myUMBC again (a poll for all of the Honors College to vote)
* We will ask Dr. GR to send out an email to the Honors College about running for office
* We hope to hold a combined meeting with the new officers and the old officers.
* **Town Hall Lunch (4/26)**
* Topics: feedback, ideas, Vegas Night, Elections
* Ask Lisa for pizza
* **Hrabowksi Lunch (5/8)**
* Sign up *online*, starting April 24th
* Dr. GR will send an email for this as well
* Announce new HCC officers at the event
* **Vegas Night (5/2)**
* Most items are purchased, just need dice
* Also need to order food, up to 72 hours in advance
* After things come in, figure out decorations
* Alexis emailed SEB, poker sets for rent (?)

**Recruit Schedule**

Monday April 22

* **DOM**10:00AM Sarah Leupen ACIV 006
* **LILY**11:30AM William Lord AOK 216M
* **DOM**2:30PM Kathleen Hoffman M&P 401
* **(LILY)**2:30PM Ellen Spitz ITE 233

Tuesday April 23

* **LILY**10:00AM Timothy Phin AOK 216M
* **CAM**10:00AM Robin Farabaugh SOND 206
* **DOM**11:30AM Jerome Nance FA 536
* **ALEXIS** 1:00PM Eric Brown SOND 409
* **DOM**2:30PM Maria Gomez-Rubio MP 105

Monday April 29

* **CAM**2:30PM Terrance Worchesky UC 115D
* **ALEXIS** 4:30PM Jessica Guzman-Rea FA 018
* **(LILY)**4:30PM Ellen Spitz AOK 216M

Tuesday April 30

* **CAM**1:00PM Jodi Kelber-Kaye AOK 216M

Wednesday May 1

* **DOM**1:00PM Simon Stacey AOK 216M
* **(LILY)** 4:30PM Ellen Spitz AOK 216M

Thursday May 2

* **DOM**1;00PM Tara Carpenter MEYR 272
* **DOM**2:30PM Eric Brown AD 729

**Subject Line:** My secretarial notes (or lack thereof) for 2013.04.24

Hello all,

I will be unable to attend the HCC meeting this Wednesday, as I will busy helping the *UMBC Review*at URCAD during that time.  Unfortunately, this means that I will not be able to send out my usual handy secretarial notes for the week.

If you have any questions about the coming events, please email Alexis for more information.  That being said, Alexis, could you email me any updates on the Town Hall Lunch that I might need to know?  As far as I am aware, the only preparations that are needed are a.) getting pizza and b.) having a sign-up sheet with people actually signing up.  Has anyone seen any names yet on the sign-up sheet that is currently up?

Good luck with the upcoming events and other end-of-the-semester craziness.  I will be back to my usual secretarial notes next week.  Thank you.

Best,

Dominick

**First meeting of May (05/01)**

**AND LAST OF SPRING 2013**

Attendees:

*Alexis Scholtes*

*Cam Carter*

*Lily Hsiao*

*Dominick DiMercurio II*

Items discussed:

* **Cancelled events**
* Cancelled the Town Hall Lunch and Vegas Night
* Lisa has items for Vegas night to "postpone" into fall (3rd/4th wk Oct?)
* **Hrabowski Lunch in the Lounge**
* May 8th
* Alexis and Lily will set up
* Alexis and Dom will clean up
* We will announce new officers
* Alexis will post a sign-up sheet online
* **Elections**
* James Loy is running for Secretary
* Steven Choi is running for President
* I have included them in this email so that they can see what we do
* We hope to print flyers, email some to Megan, regarding electiosn
* If necessary, we will extend the deadline to Sunday night
* Elections will be held on Monday and Tuesday.
* **Next Year HCC**
* We have a list of things that can guide next year's HCC
* An idea that's not on that list: new Secretary should post minutes to UMBC page

Thank you, everyone, for all of your hard work.  It has been a pleasure serving as Honors College Council Secretary for Spring 2013.  Best of luck to the new officers!

**PEOPLE WHO WERE INCLUDED IN THESE EMAILS:**

* Dr. Simon Stacey
* Dr. Jodi Kelber-Kaye
* Dr. Jessica Guzman-Rea
* Lisa Whittle
* The President
* The Vice President
* The Treasurer