

Honors College Council, Fall of 2013

Nicholas Rogers - President

John Malloy - Vice President

James Loy - Secretary

Munira Shahir - Treasurer

Truptiben Sindhi - Historian

Dr. Guzman-Rea - Faculty advisory

First meeting of September (09/12)

Attendance:

Nicholas Rogers

John Malloy

James Loy

Munira Shahir

Truptiben Sindhi

Dr. Guzman-Rea

Topics:

Lunches in the Lounge:

- First two Lunches are set with Dr. Hoffman on September 25 and Dr. Kate Drabinski on October 23.
- Nick and John are working on asking Dr. Hrabowski to do a lunch in the lounge in spring.

Freshman Involvement:

- The Freshman/Transfer council needs to be made soon. Nick and John plan to make an announcement at Honors Forum next Monday (9/16).
- Interested freshman/transfers will have a week to nominate themselves by emailing the Secretary. Nominations will close Sunday (9/23). The Secretary will prepare a ballot.
- Voting will occur Monday (9/24), where nominees will need to give a 30-second speech. Voting should take a maximum of 10 minutes so as not to interfere with Honors Forum.
- The new council will be responsible for putting organizing a smaller social event for the end of October.

Vegas Night:

- There are now less than two months until the event, so it is time to pin down details for ordering supplies and delegation with other programs. Nick wants a detailed timeline defining what gets done by whom at what time to make the event occur on time.

- Nick created a Google Drive document to which we all have access to in response to Truptiben's idea to organize the event with an online document.
- Nick has determined that the event should not be made profitable due to the resulting need for a Maryland gaming license.
- Lisa and Dr. Guzman-Rea will move ahead with purchasing a Roulette table. It is hoped that, at the latest, one will be ordered tomorrow.
- Prizes are our biggest priority as they are likely our best advertisement for the event. We need to determine just what prizes we will get and how we obtain them rather soon.
- Suggested major prizes include a Kindle fire, gift card, or a special lunch with Dr. Hrabowski.
- Suggested second tier prizes include big boxes of Ramen, gift basket with Chick-fil-A, or a UMBC basket from the Bookstore.
- Smaller prizes need to be determined. Smaller gift cards were suggested by John. Prizes can best be determined when we have our event budget.
- Volunteers should be gathered two weeks prior to the event, giving them at least a week for training. Recruiting volunteers early may lead to unexpected cancellations between now and the event, complicating matters.
- Reliance on other scholar programs and clubs will mainly be for volunteer manpower.
- The poker tournament will occur in rounds (quarter finals, semifinals, finals...). As people lose in the tournament, we can keep their interest by holding the raffle near the end while the poker finals occur.
- Formal attire should be worn by all volunteers. Students that come to the event in formal attire can be rewarded with extra chips or raffle tickets.
- Supplies we already have: Poker Sets, card tables.
- Supplies we need: maybe two small slot machines depending on expense, roulette table, catering, decorations, decks of cards, and money with UMBC faculty faces.

Miscellaneous:

- Dr. Guzman-Rea suggested a haunted hay ride or maze for late October to coincide with Halloween. This event would likely have to occur on a local farm.
- The deadline for ordering HCC tee shirts has passed for this year.