

Honors College Council, Fall of 2013

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Fourth meeting of October (10/24)

Attendance:

Nicholas Rogers

John Malloy

James Loy

Munira Shahir

Andreas Seas

Topics:

Freshman Representative event:

- The Freshman Representative subcouncil has decided to hold their Halloween event in the basement of Susquehanna (building with the Honors LLC).
- Their event's costume contest will be judged by the Honors LLC floor's RA Belawoe.
- Food and drinks will be purchased in bulk from Costco; a record of the expenses will be kept.
- Twelve volunteers are set for helping with the event, which are more than enough volunteers to set up and maintain the event.

Budget:

Our budget remains at \$1000. We plan on using just under \$600 dollars for Vegas Night. Thus, there are plenty of funds available to cover the Retriever bowl in spring and the Freshman Representative subcouncil's event.

Lunch in the Lounge:

- Last Wednesday's lunch in the lounge event was another success. John reported that the audience was much more involved, perhaps due to the smaller attendance. For November's event, we will release the sign-up form a week and a half before the event to attempt to gain a few more attendants.

- There remains no response from Dr. Hrabowski about the spring lunch in the lounge event.

Vegas Night:

- We can no longer rely on a lunch with Dr. Hrabowski to be our event's grand prize. Nick and John plan to meet with him in person to discuss the possibility of a lunch as a grand prize and the lunch in the lounge spring event. However, for the moment, we have decided to make 2 Kindle Fires be our grand prizes. One will be awarded to the poker tournament champion; the other will be available to table game participants. This would solve our dilemma as to which grand prize to give to each part of our event, since both prizes would be the same.
- Our Costume Contest winner will receive our Medieval Times tickets.
- Andreas polled students and found about 30% of students would be interested in the poker tournament over table games. This is an ideal ratio of interest for our event.
- Advertising is now our main goal. Flyers on the notification boards, word of mouth, Honors College Facebook page, and a spotlight on the myUMBC homepage will be our main methods of advertising. Andreas suggested creating a light-up sign about Vegas for our event, however, due to time constraints, this is probably not possible for this year's event.
- Inet advertisements may not be necessary this year, but we will ask AICHe if they are capable of managing this advertising outlet.
- James will look into creating a spotlight for our event and Munira will look into putting up flyers with seb's announcements.
- Nick has decided with Dr. Guzman-Rea that a date change for our event should be seriously considered. John and Lisa cannot attend on the current date, and the Honors college staff will be returning from a trip the morning of the event. Based on scheduling, a tentative rescheduled date is set for Wednesday, November 20. This delays our event by about a week. In response to this, dealer training should also be delayed a week. This date change must be cleared with our partnering group AICHe.
- Nick found that members of Tau Beta Pi are required to perform five hours of service per semester, and would thus be a likely source of volunteers for our event.
- Nick and John plan to ask Giant for donated food this weekend.