



September 2013 Activity Report

(Initiatives mapped to Honors Strategic Plan [draft]: “Investigate, Communicate, Elevate: 2013-2015)
 Title III Program Grant is being tracked separately, but √ serves as cross-reference herein.

KEY:

Normal font indicates ongoing or previously reported activity
Bold font indicates new activity in current reporting month
 Red font indicates completion of a goal in a prior month

Activity	Strategic Plan Goal	Title III?
<i>Adopt a 4-year, scaffolded / articulated honors curriculum...</i> Drafted foundational plan for program of study – under review; approval pending.	1.1.a	√
<i>Secure priority registration privileges for honors students</i> Priority Registration Approved 9/30/2013	1.1.c	
<i>Sponsor the development of innovative honors courses</i> Met with Drs. Verbeke & Patterson, re: experimental honors seminar in PSYC, Spr 14	1.2.c	√
<i>Collaborate with Registrar to implement honors notations on transcripts, etc</i> Notations on transcripts will be made possible via Registrar. (Diplomas may need to wait b/c of formatting issues)	1.3.a	
<i>Increase student participation / presentation at professional meetings</i> 10 students attending NAAHP (Oct.; Daytona). 6 presenting research, others engaged in conference activity. 2 students attending NCHC (Nov.; New Orleans) to learn about honors leadership from peers at other institutions. New UMES honors memberships filed with MCHC and NRHC as new venues for honors students to engage with honors education	2.2	√
<i>Schedule NCHC-approved external review / site visit</i> Preliminary emails sent to possible reviewers; scheduling pending	4.1	√
<i>Form campus committees that regularly review aspects/results of program</i> Advisory Board formed (18 members @ Director level, with representation from each of 4 undergrad schools and student reps)	4.2	√
<i>Perform overhaul of program website</i> In progress. Homepage; nav bar edited/expanded. New pages for Site Map, Staff, Meet Director, Vanguard, Advisory Board, Newsletter, and others.	5.1.a.i.	
<i>Form campus groups to institutionalize honors engagement, awareness, etc.</i> Advisory Board complete (Mtg 10/03). Curricular Council in progress. Vanguard (student ambassadors) in place. Honors Student Association in development.	5.1.b	√
<i>Appoint Director full member of Deans Council</i> Director attends Deans' Council. Following transition to college, status should change to reflect full membership / voting privileges, titular promotion to Dean.	5.c	
<i>Collaborate with Enrollment Management re: Admissions / Recruitment</i> Met with Young, McNeil, Collier-Mills, etc. to discuss recruitment and honors application process for 2014 cohort.	5.2.a	

<p><i>Create honors ambassadors program, "Vanguard"</i> Complete: 19 students "knighted" in ceremony. Possibly more in January.</p>	<p>5.2.c 6.2.c</p>	
<p><i>Partner with Advancement & Development ...</i> Prelim. Mtg. with Diriker, re: gifts to honors; donors' banquet; getting our students out in community to engage themselves and others</p>	<p>5.4</p>	
<p><i>Dedicate a residential facility as an honors living-learning community</i> A "walk-through" of Murphy to estimate potential. Scheduling meeting with Jones to discuss 2014 honors housing, esp. for frosh (to be required)</p>	<p>6.1</p>	
<p><i>Inaugurate an honors ambassadors program, Vanguard (see also above)</i> Complete, w/ 19 initiates. May "knight" more in Spring. Annual invitations, starting in F 2014 primarily to Frosh (notably absent from first cohort) and sophomores to foster sustained involvement over 4-yr. pd.</p>	<p>6.2.c</p>	
<p><i>Revise admissions... such that participation is no longer dependent on scholarship...</i> Prelim. Mtg. with Enrollment Mgmt team. We will admit, for 2014, more students who are not scholarship recipients. (this fall 2013, only 20 were admitted)</p>	<p>7.1.a</p>	
<p><i>Refine admissions processes to include an essay, resume, review committee...</i> Honors-specific essay and résumé now required in application. Met with Academic Computing and Enrollment Mgmt to discuss implementation via online app. portal. For now, Honors staff will serve as review committee.</p>	<p>7.1.c</p>	
<p><i>Increase # of transfer students / Sign MoU / articulation agreements with Comm. Colls.</i> Mtg. scheduled w/ Dir. of Wor-Wic CC honors Director, Reddish. (10/04)</p>	<p>7.1.d</p>	
<p><i>Increase internal admissions</i> Queries pending on high GPA Frosh (Jan) and Sophomores (now) to send email invitation and application info.</p>	<p>7.1.e</p>	
<p><i>Increase faculty / staff involvement in honors...</i> Chairs invited to "Meet & Greet" series w/ Director, 10/02, 10/03, 10/08. Advisory Board formed; Council being formed. Mtgs. With various staff / admin. Officers as listed above.</p>	<p>7.4.f 7.4.g</p>	