Minutes of the University Honors Committee
October 8, 2008

Chair Tom Traynor called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in 238 Millett Hall. Present were Michael Eisman, Julia Rader, Marty Kich, Sabrina Sheetz, William Slattery, Paul Hershberger, Carol Wagner Williams, Erik Banks, Donna Miles Curry, and Honors Director Susan Carrafiello.

Following self introductions, Mr. Traynor explained that the two main functions of the committee are to oversee the Honors Curriculum and to assist in the screening and awarding of Honors Scholarships. To that end, the following Scholarship Subcommittees were formed.

INCOMING
Tom Traynor, Chair
Erik Banks
Leo Finkelstein
Susan Carrafiello
Mary Kenton
Alex Wenning
(Sabrina Sheetz, student)

CONTINUING
Marty Kich, Chair
Michael Eismen
Donna Curry
Paul Hershberger (Correction)
Carol Wagner Williams
Mary Kenton
Alex Wenning
(Julia Rader, student)

Next, Susan Carrafiello introduced the Honors Institute for 2009: Free Speech in a Global Society. The keynote speaker will be Nicholas Kristof on January 26. The luncheon speaker for the Symposium on January 27 is Eleanor Clift. Both Susan Carrafiello and Sarah Twill will teach seminars on the general topic of free speech in Winter 2009.

Another major project for the program and the committee this year will be to complete arrangements for the Honors degree designation at the Lake Campus. Mr. Kich is having some difficulty finding suitable criteria across programs, but he is confident that the task can be completed this year.

The members agreed to meet November 12 at 1:00. Dr. Traynor adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kenton