

Honor's Program Committee
Minutes
October 11th, 2006

Members Present- Joy Lin Husted, Pamela Fowler, Emily Dial-Driver, Quentin Taylor, Kathy Hoppe, Yasoma Hulathduwa, Jim Ford (Chair)

Members Absent- Lindsay Fields, Tonni Harrald, Mark Pranger, John Varelli

Meeting called to order at 12:00 P.M.

Issues Discussed

- I. Current Class and class sizes. Sophomore class dropped from 18 to 16 due to personal issues and academic issues. Freshmen class has current class size of 18 students.
- II. GPA/ ACT standards. Currently must possess a high school GPA of 3.3 and an ACT score of 26 to be considered for the program. Possibly raising the bar each year was also discussed. Was considered for this year but bulletins and paperwork had already been printed.
- III. Students concerns over summer tuition and housing being paid for. Arguments for this included the issue of the new Gaming Development plan, as well as others, that require more hours for completion. Arguments against this included the fact that they already get two semesters paid for each school term, including housing and a stipend. This averages to be roughly 40,000 dollars for the student's academic career at RSU. Possible suggestions included the University of Tulsa plan where a flat eight semesters were paid for. Also it was suggested we look at the University of Oklahoma plan.
- IV. Trouble with certain degrees was mentioned. The Gaming development has a high number of credit hours. The new Elementary Education degree is technically completed through Cameron University. So would the student be receiving a degree from RSU or Cameron? Also would the money invested into the program be going to RSU or Cameron?
- V. Final issues discussed were dates for future meeting, number of future meetings, and when the Interview date should be set in February for Honor's Program Day.