

Great Plains Honors Council Meeting in Arlington, 3 April 2011

Blackwell, Deborah. Texas A&M International U; **Brackett**, Virginia. Park U; **Britt**, John. Lee College; **Buckman**, Ken. U. of Texas-Pan American; **Castillo**, Toni; **Datta**, Sumana. Texas A&M College Station; **Dermyer**, Linda. Hutchinson CC; **Dutton**, Denise. U. of Tulsa; **Eoff**, Shirley. Angelo State U; **Farris**, Mark. Midwestern State U; **Ford**, Jim. Rogers State U; **Furtwengler**, Scott. San Jacinto C; **Gambill**, Brad. John Brown U; **Greene**, Lynn. Tulsa CC; **Guerrero**, Doloras. Texas A&M U at Kingsville; **Guess**, Ann. Alvin College; **Korstad**, John. Oral Roberts U; **Larson**, Nancy. Angelo State U; **Lawless**, David. Tulsa CC; **Litton**, Alfred. Texas Woman's U; **Mallard**, Jessica. West Texas A&M U; **McCombs**, Virginia. Oklahoma City U; **Nichols**, Sue. Texas A&M U. Kingston; **Norman**, Theresa; **O'Neal**, Susan. Tulsa CC; **Patty**, Stacy. Lubbock Christian U; **Perry**, Jim. UT Arlington; **Pritchett**, Cathy. UT Arlington; **Petruso**, Karl. UT Arlington; **Purinton**, Marjean. Texas Tech U; **Roark**, Jessica. Oklahoma State U; **Simmons**, Doug. San Jacinto C; **Sorenson**, Jean. Grayson State CC; **Spurrier**, Robert. Oklahoma State U; **Young**, Gene. Sam Houston State U; **Varmecky**, Jane. Tulsa CC; **Wagoner**, Christina. TX Woman's U; **Walker**, Kathey. West Texas A&M U; **Yarbrough**, Trisha. East Central U; **Yox**, Andrew. Northeast Texas CC.

President Jessica Roark called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

- A. President Roark noted that the original Minutes of the 2010 Kansas City meeting lacked the names 'Karl Petruso' and 'Jean Sorensen'. They were duly added. The corrected minutes of this meeting were approved unanimously.
- B. Andrew Yox, the Secretary-Treasurer (EST), reported there was a balance of **\$32,974.85** in the GPHC treasury. The long-term growth of the GPHC has continued despite the economy and difficulties with individual programs. The financial report was approved unanimously.
- C. Past EST, Virginia Brackett, of Park University welcomed members to the Kansas City GPHC meeting in 2012. She and Pat Decker of Johnson County Community College are endeavoring to make the 2012 conference as memorable as the last two, with a conference website, and a lineup of cultural activities such as Kansas City's World War I Museum.
- D. President Roark thanked Lynn Greene of Tulsa Community College for her initiation and maintenance of the GPHC's attractive website.
- E. Program Director Karl Petruso suggested that in the future, the Boe process be decoupled from the work of the program committee, and delegated to other officers of the GPHC.

II. New Business:

- A. A discussion commenced on the site for the 2013 GPHC Meeting. Alfred Litton of TWU and Karl Petruso of UT Arlington expressed continued support for the \$2,000-dollar cushion-fund subsidy that the GPHC has granted institutions that sponsor a GPHC conference.
- B. Mark Farris of MSU wondered if there could be a manual that could help prospective conference sponsors know what would be involved. Such a manual could also provide a timeline to guide their work.
- C. Cathy Pritchett of UT Arlington agreed that she could produce a template to guide those interested in sponsoring a GPHC meeting.
- D. Vice President Ken Buckman made the request to complete this template by this summer.
- E. In the context of preparing for a conference, a “tech-support” person to handle submissions for the Boe Award can make a great difference, and Karl Petruso recognized Jim Perry for his competence in fielding submissions.
- F. The GPHC’s Student Representative, Christina Wagoner presented the case for a GPHC Journal:
 - 1. The Boe Process already produces publishable works.
 - 2. Publications would better help launch student careers.
 - 3. If necessary, the Journal could begin in an electronic format.
- G. Jessica Mallard of West Texas A&M, and Karl Petruso supported the idea of a journal that could start without too much extra administrative work.
- H. Sumana Datta of Texas A&M warned, however, that some students might prefer to publish elsewhere, and that the process of accepting papers for publication can get tangled in copyright issues.
- I. Bob Spurrier of Oklahoma State suggested that the GPHC Website could monitor intentions regarding publication for students submitting Boe proposals.
- J. There was general agreement that the journal idea was a good possibility though it would take more thought.
- K. Bob Spurrier encouraged GPHC members to support funding increases for the National Collegiate Honors Council.
- L. Cathy Pritchett noted that there will be a conference evaluation form for the meeting at Arlington that she hoped attendees would fill out.
- M. John Korstad of Oral Roberts thanked the UT Arlington program committee for their fine work with the 2011 spring GPHC conference.
- N. Program Director Karl Petruso thanked Alfred Litton and Texas Woman’s University for the excellent breakfast that was accorded all the members of the meeting.

Submitted by Andrew Yox, GPHC EST (2009-2011), 18 October 2011.