

Response to the Program Review Evaluation of Weber State University's Honors Program

First, I'd like to thank the committee, Drs. Richard Badenhausen, Dan Bedford and Brad Carroll for their excellent work. Their thoughtful and helpful comments help the Honors Program to move forward in a productive way. It was a pleasure to work with this committee.

Theme: Honors Director, Staff, Faculty, and Facilities

Recommendation:

The Honors Director and staff should pursue ways of institutionalizing Marilyn's high-impact practices so they may continue to benefit the Honors Program in the years to come.

I agree with the committee's commendation of Marilyn's effective advising. I hope there will be overlap time when Marilyn chooses to retire so she can train the next person. We overlapped Leanna Riddle and Aubrey Lord when Leanna retired, and that worked well in terms of giving Leanna time to train Aubrey.

Opportunity:

Working with the Honors Student Advisory Board, the Director and staff should investigate the possibility of extending the Honors Center's hours by, for example, giving Honors students their own code for the Center's door, or by hiring a work/study student to be present during

University Honors still provides a useful course for some students, and we have no intention of closing that option.

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I like this idea, but I'm not sure how well it would work on Weber's commuter campus. I will discuss this with Honors faculty to get a wider perspective. We are posting "Faculty are Loving . . ." on the webpage, which allows students to read of different professors' favorite films, music, and books.

Theme: Resources

Recommendation:

The Honors Director should work with the Provost and others to provide the

recently updated an exit survey for students graduating with Departmental Honors that will be captured and retained in our office. Additionally, we have scheduled a meeting for spring semester 2015 with RC and Gail to discuss strategies for 'reading' assessment data through Canvas.

As a result of this Five Year Program Evaluation, we have developed the following goals:

To continue working on gathering effective assessment materials and then applying the information we gather to continually improve the Honors Program and the classes that we offer.

To put in place a process of negotiating an annual budget with the Provost's Office.

To work towards establishing working and up-to-date contracts for all campus departments that would like to participate in Departmental Honors.

To collect more data on Aletheia students so we can better serve their needs.

To continue to work with Kyle Braithwaite to seek out donor opportunities.