
PAUL HENRY INSTITUTE (HIGB)

GOVERNING BOARD

CENTER DIRECTOR: CORWIN SMIDT | BOARD CHAIR: JOEL WESTRA

A. Major issues addressed by the board during the 2010–2011 year

1. The Henry Institute again awarded Undergraduate Fellowship Grants to Calvin College professors. The goals of the grants are to provide opportunities for professors to move forward on research projects, and also to encourage and enhance the mentoring of students through development of a scholarly relationship with academic staff through quality and in-depth research opportunities. Three grants were awarded: 1) to Mandy (Burrow) Cano Villalobos (Art and Art History) for a project involving art which portrayed the mass femicide in Ciudad Juarez (working with student Tianna Wierenga) 2) to You Kyong-Ahn (Art and Art History) as he studied the architectural style of Calvin College's campus (student assistant: Elliott Spronk) and 3) to Gail Zandee (Nursing) in continuation of a community nursing project in underserved Grand Rapids neighborhoods (with student Andrea Lima) .
1. The sixth biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics was held from April 28-30, 2011. The event included 15 panels with 45 papers. Faculty and graduate students from across U.S. and Canada, as well as Scotland, South Africa, and Romania participated in the Symposium. Papers included a wide range of topics related to the general theme of religion and politics, including foci on political philosophy, comparative and international politics, and American politics.
2. The 2010-11 Paul Henry Lecture was delivered by David Campbell, the John Cardinal O'Hara C.S.C. Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame and founding director of Notre Dame's Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy. Campbell spoke on "American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us" on April 29, 2011.

B. Actions the board brought before Faculty Senate (if any)

No actions were brought before Faculty Senate during the academic year.

C. Other actions, not involving Faculty Senate, that the board initiated or implemented

None

D. Issues that will continue to be before the committee next year

1. Issues before the Governing Board next year will include the search for a new Director for the Henry Institute when Corwin Smidt's current term ends in the spring. He will not apply for another term as Director.
1. Additionally, Dr. Smidt will be absent from campus during the fall semester, working in the Netherlands under the "Fulbright-Dow Distinguished Research Chair" grant which he has received. He will continue directing the Henry Institute during his absence.
2. The annual Paul Henry Lecture for the 2011-12 academic year will be held in March of 2011 and will feature former U.S. Representative Vern Ehlers.