

## Senior Capstone Project Coaching

MARCH 21-22, 2010  
CLASS OF 2010  
FINAL SESSION

### Review

- Separate into groups of 5-6 people
- Give your project to someone else in your group
- Review the proposal and provide comments on the following:
  - Is the abstract clear? Can you discuss it?
  - Are the hypotheses clear? Defined?
  - How will data be collected? Clear? Solid approach?
  - Who are the sample participants? Qualitative data?
  - How will the data collected help to evaluate the hypotheses?

### Proposal Example

- Review the sample proposal
  - Faculty sponsor must be in the same department for credit assignment; no exceptions
  - Title
  - Abstract
  - Research hypotheses
  - Why is it worth doing? "So what?"
  - Annotated bibliography
  - Methodology
  - Explanation of data sources

### Submission of Proposal

- Developing the Initial Proposal
  - Page 1 and 2 of instructions
  - Questions?
- Submitting the initial proposal electronically
  - Page 3 of instructions
  - Questions?

### Notes

- **Deadline: April 5 at 9pm ... no exceptions!**
- **Entire form must be completed**
  - Only pages 1-4!
  - Submit signed copy of page 5 (sponsor and member) by April 6 at 12 noon
- **Proposals that do not conform to guidelines will be returned without evaluation**

### Evaluation Process

- **Three people will review your proposal**
  - Two members of the Honors Council
  - Department Chair (based on assignment)
- **Meet to review the evaluations**

### Evaluation Process

- **Three categories**
  - Approve
  - Approve with changes
  - Requires substantial changes
    - PPR will be removed completely for this category
- **Evaluation process should be received by April 28**
- **Review with Sponsor BEFORE leaving campus!**

### Wrap up

- **Only the best, detailed and thought-out proposals will be approved.**
- **We want to support you for your focus on academic excellence**
- **You need to engage and call this a priority**
  - That statement is not just a quote, you need to establish it as a reality
  - Problems occur, chat with us