

Honors Committee Meeting Notes March 3, 2016

Committee Members in Attendance: Eunjoo Cho, Luke Howard, Thad Scott, Curt Rom, Charles Rosenkrans, Nick Anthony, Mardel Crandall, Godwin-Charles Ogbeide, Jefferson Miller
Committee Members not in Attendance: Jennie Popp, Ken Korth, Donn Johnson
Staff Present: Leslie Edgar, Jody Davis, Dentin Schwartz

Departmental Announcements:

- Faculty from each department updated the committee on the progress being made to accomplish the committee's goal of having two honors courses in each department.

Bumpers Honors Perspectives AFLS 1023H (voted on and passed unanimously):

- Serves as an orientation overview of the Honors program
- 3 credit course
- Meets all necessary requirements
- To be the one required course in the Honors program for traditional students
- Transfer students will be exempt

Bylaws (voted on and passed unanimously):

- Addition of AFLS 1023H as the only required course
- 9-12 course hours plus 3-6 thesis hours for a total of 15 total hours.

Selection of Term Limits for faculty Committee:

Through random drawing

Luke Howard-2016
Curt Rom-2016
Nick Anthony-2016
Mardel Crandall-2016

Thad Scott-2017
Godwin-Charles Ogbeide-2017
Jennie Popp-2017
Donn Johnson-2017

Eunjoo Cho- 2018
Charles Rosenkrans-2018
Ken Korth-2018
Jeff Miller-2018

Terms will be updated to the website.

Moving Honors Program Faculty Committee from ad hoc to standing committee (voted on and passed unanimously):

Discussion of how the committee already operates as a standing committee.

For a committee to becoming standing, a quorum of all faculty must be assembled and then the motion voted on.

Timeline:

A timeline of the progression of a traditional student through the Honors Program has been proposed.

- Integrate subcommittees recommendations
- Integrate most recent recommendations from the Honors College

An updated version will be presented at the next meeting.

Subcommittee Report:

Student Incentives:

- In place of an Honors Metal, award students an honors frame to display their diploma.
- Service Learning Activities
- Record their work in the UA Volunteer Action Center

Faculty Incentives:

- \$1000.00 bonus to each faculty mentors income for each student graduated through the Honors Program as income.

Honors Thesis Competition:

Discussion of suspending the program.

Strict deadlines in place that if you do not meet you will be dropped from the program. The number of students with a finished thesis at the time of the thesis competition is so small.

Requirements must be consistent throughout the years.

Selection of qualified faculty judges to judge the competition.

Solid rubric must be in place.

Evaluated based on completed theses.

Monetary awards in place for winners.

If students do not meet standards, then no awards will be awarded.

In the past, the quality of the projects has been marginal at times, we should shift focus to improving the quality of projects.

Evaluation over time is difficult with changing faculty. Even with a solid rubric, it is difficult to be consistent.

The thesis competition allows top students to create a track record for success. Students who excel do it for the awards/metals. Focus should be on the other perks of being in Honors.

Student Board Poster Competition

- April 11-13.
- Awards Ceremony Wednesday April 13th at 3:00p.m.
- Rubric in place

Bumpers Outstanding Honors Advisor Award

- Deadline for Submission: May 1st.

Announcements:

- Outstanding Thesis Competition Submission (requires completed thesis, a summary or abstract (1 page limit), and a mentor nomination letter) – Due March 30
- Bumpers College Undergraduate Research and Creative Project Grant Proposals - Due April 1
- Honors Student Board Poster Competition – April 11-13 in AFLS Atrium
Award Program – April 13 at 3 pm in Honors Hall
- Student Honors Mentor Applications – Due April 15
- Outstanding Thesis Oral Competition – April 22, time and location TBD