

Honors Faculty Committee
February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes
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Attending: Lisa Wood, Isabel Whitehead, Jeff Miller, Amanda Williams, Yao-chin Wang
Luke Howard, Martin Egan, Mahendran Balasubramanian, Jody Davis, Gisela Erf

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of previous minutes
3. Departmental updates
 - a. CSES needs a new representative
4. Director's Update - Dr. Lisa Wood
 - a. Directors discussed increasing GPA and SAT for acceptance into the Honors program to achieve a manageable enrollment level. With currently 11.2% of students enrolled in the Honors program, the DBCAFLS Honors program has no plans to change GPA and SAT requirements.
 - b. The Honors College tabled discussion on alternative paths to complement theses and creative components
5. Honors Student Board Update - Isabel Whitehead
 - a. A panel discussion on GMOs is planned for Feb. 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm in POSC Auditorium
 - b. Poster competition will be on April 21
6. Old Business
 - a. New upper-division Honors courses are FDSC 3202H Intro to Food Law, and AGED 3143H Communicating Agriculture to the Public
 - b. The committee voted unanimously for a blanket permission to count out-of-career (graduate level) courses for Honors credit. This will need a substitution request. Note: if counted toward completion of undergraduate/Honors degree, the graduate course taken will not transfer to a graduate program.
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of responsibilities of departmental faculty representative
 - i. Updated the list of departments requiring representatives to serve on Honors committees
 - b. Undergraduate Research Grants
 - i. Lisa Wood is working on changing guidelines for Undergraduate Research Grant proposal to streamline with SURF grant applications. Changes will not affect the proposal guidelines for the March 15th due date.
 - ii. Revisions on grant reporting requirements for funded projects of both Honors and non-Honors students. Discussed poster/presentations at

College/Department events and professional meetings. Lisa Woods will incorporate in guidelines

iii. Martin Egan, Mahendran Balasubramanian, and Amanda Williams volunteered to review Undergraduate Research Grant proposals

- c. Discussion is ongoing on facilitating transfer into the Honors program after the first semester fall enrollment. Considered was offering a 1-credit spring honors orientation class. Enrollment requirements to teach a course is however a concern. Another approach is working on a strong action plan with mentors and students.

8. Adjourn

Dates to remember:

Call for Undergraduate Research Grant Applications starts Feb 15 with proposals due on March 15.