

## Faculty Honors Committee Minutes

November 7, 2018

**Present:** Jackie Mosley, Laura Hill, Lanier Nalley, Jody Davis, Rick Rorie, Charlie Rosenkrans, Luke Howard, Margaret Worthington, Martin Egan, Isabel Whitehead

**Absent:** Jeff Miller, Lisa Wood, Mahendran Balasubramanian, Nick Anthony, Donn Johnson

### Announcements and Updates

- November 15<sup>th</sup> 11:35 – 12:15; Meet and Greet for AFLS 1023H Bumpers College Honors Program Perspective, AFLS Atrium---Isabel Whitehead
  - *Isabel has 5 faculty volunteers so far, but please feel free to join, or email Isabel if interested*
- Peer mentor program update---Isabel Whitehead
  - *Going well!*
- Bumpers Honors Student Board update---Isabel Whitehead
  - *Students plan to host an event (baseball, basketball, TBD) spring 2019 to help network with current Honors students, and possibly to recruit eligible Honors students*
  - *Note: Recruiting future Honors student members for the board will be sometime around Feb/March, so be letting your students know to apply*
- Honors student forms update---Jody Davis
  - *11 will be kicked out soon because they have not turned in paperwork, nor responded to any of Jody's emails*
- Honors student graduation clearance process, including Scholarworks---Jody Davis
  - *8 Honors students graduating this fall; all paperwork must be submitted in order for students to graduate*
- “All in for Honors”---Rosenkrans
- “Honors Research Conference---Rosenkrans

### Old Business

- Update and post our approved meeting minutes (September; no meeting in October)
  - *Lisa and Jackie will update notes and get posted to the website soon*
- Departmental requirement that Honors Faculty Committee representative serve on all departmental honors student committees?
  - *HDFS is the only area who does this*
- Update departmental mentors list and profile
  - *BY DECEMBER 3, 2018 – send to Isabel Whitehead*

### New Business

- Bumpers College Undergraduate Research grant (n = 6) reviews---volunteers??
  - *Jackie, Lanier, and Martin volunteered – due December 3, 2018*
- New departmental honors courses or honors sections

- *Discuss with your departments if you need to add additional courses*
- Dean's push to increase recruitment and success of honors students
  - *A priority is to increase recruitment by the Dean and Chancellor, which is currently around 11% in Bumpers College; however the graduation rate is lower at around 8% of students. Thus, the committee discussed the importance of retention with our students should be the goal.*
- How do we recruit current and future honors eligible students into Honors program?
  - *We should be doing this during Advising season – note those students with high GPAs and recruit them, if possible.*
- What is the right size for Bumpers Honors?
  - *Currently at 11%; however the graduate rate is lower at 8% of students. Thus, the committee discussed the importance of retention with our students should be a goal.*
- Are our eligibility requirements correct for Bumpers Honors?
  - *This was discussed in previous years, and the committee agreed again that our requirements are adequate.*
- Latin designation for graduation---should it only be for Honors students?
  - *We are the only college who does not allow non-Honors students Latin designation. However, this has come up before in previous years in Faculty Council, thus it may be something to pursue again. We would like to be similar to other colleges. And Jody noted that non-Honors students (and their parents) complain every year about the lack of Latin designation.*

Meeting was adjourned at 4:13

Respectfully submitted: Jackie Mosley