

Honors Committee Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance: Lisa Wood (Chair), Jackie Mosley (Chair elect), Margaret Worthington, Lanier Nalley, Laurie Apple, Donn Johnson, Nick Anthony, Luke Howard

Proxy Members in Attendance: Laura Hill

Committee Members not in attendance: Ken Korth, Charles Rosenkrans, Jeff Miller, Mechelle Bailey

Staff in Attendance: Leslie Edgar, Jody Davis

Departmental Announcements:

- AMPD held a Meet and Greet (8 out of 26 students came)

AFLS 3413H Proposal Development and Research Methods course:

- This will reduce the time mentors are spending with individual students
- To not overwhelm the class instructor, a prerequisite of being an AFLS student should be maintained
- Revision of course to include more research method components
- No required semester; it will be offered every fall and spring
- Mixed discussion, so a motion to require the course, but include a waiver where mentors and departments could opt of the course (all were in favor)
- Please discuss in your departments.

Proposed Changes to Honors Faculty Mentors and Honors Student Committees:

- Mentoring responsibilities – time commitments, assisting students, etc.
- Proposed changes outlined by Dr. Apple
- Representatives would no longer serve on every Honors thesis committee
- Three people serve on committees, but at least 1 member must have graduate faculty status
- Departments can choose to have their own representatives serve on every thesis committee or at least 1 faculty member with graduate faculty status
- Please discuss in your departments

Off-Campus committee members and/or mentors

- Documentation of qualifications? Should affiliate status within department be required?
- These can include committee members not at the University of Arkansas, but perhaps in the Division of Agriculture, or part of a Study Abroad program
- Committee stated that this person should not be the Chair, but could be co-Chair with a faculty member on campus; thus off-campus should only represent 1 out of the 3 committee members

- Please discuss in your departments

Thesis hour instructors:

1. Continue as 1 section under Dr. Edgar? (Faculty do not get to add this to their FSR's)
 2. Individual section for each instructor under AFLS 400vH code? (Every department would have to agree to do this)
 3. Each department create their own code and individual sections be set up by instructor (Would have to go through Curriculum)
- Please discuss in your departments

Recruitment update:

- Student board is helping (post cards, letters, emails, etc) with recruiting mostly in-state students
- Need stories from past Honors students

Announcements:

- Project funding is due March 15 – this is open to all students; applications and reference letters should be sent to Dr. Edgar (NOT Dentin Schwartz as he has left the University)
- Graduate Assistant: Isabel Whitehead (AGRI 230) – Open hours for students to drop by thesis assistance (see website for times)
 - She is meeting with all graduating seniors to review minimum requirements.
- Funding is available for departments wanting to host Meet and Greets with students and faculty. \$100 per department or HESC area
- Spring 2017 graduates must defend by April 1st and final thesis submitted by April 15th
- Summer 2017 graduates must defend by July 1st and final thesis submitted by July 15th
- Honors Student Board Poster Competition, TBD (likely mid-April)
- Honors Graduation Reception (potentially) Friday, May 12th, 9-11 am Honors College Student Lounge
 - Anticipating 22 graduating seniors (spring and summer)