

## **Bumpers Honors Faculty Committee**

### **February 11, 2021 | Meeting Minutes**

Attending remotely via Teams meeting: Lisa Wood, Isabel Whitehead, Jill Rucker, Jody Davis, Kelly Vierck, Jamie Baum, Jen Becnel, Gisela Erf, Mary Savin, Margaret Worthington, Mahendran Balasubramanian, and Martin Egan.

1. Approved agenda (1<sup>st</sup>Jamie B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill R.)
2. Approval of January minutes (1<sup>st</sup> Jamie B., Margaret W. 2<sup>nd</sup> )
3. Director's Report - Lisa Wood
  - Update on student admissions for fall 2021
    - Bumpers College is holding steady with honors student applications for fall 2021
    - Several other colleges are down in applications
    - Feb. 15 is deadline for students to apply to the honors college
      - 4 Bumpers students have applied for the exception to admission by writing an essay.
      - Dr. Wood will review those applications and essays when she receives them
    - Fellowship interviews will occur in early March and will be held virtually
      - 2-3 faculty members interviewing candidates
      - Will know who fellowships were awarded to by mid-March
4. Honor Student Board Activities – Isabel Whitehead
  - Virtual poster competition: April 6 at 3:30 pm via Zoom
    - Undergraduate submissions only
    - March 12: deadline for abstracts
    - Seeking out faculty volunteers
    - Students who have received Bumpers research funding can use this poster/abstract as their final report
  - Fun activity: mid-April virtual event; event to be determined
5. Discussion and vote on revisions to Honors Policies and Procedures – Isabel Whitehead
  - Minor changes: concise language, role of Assistant Dean, clarification of rotating members, changed some terminology to reflect updates and current practices
  - Larger changes: specifications about the role of honors faculty members, language about first time honors faculty mentors and their role, students need to propose by 90 hours, added two sections about course requirements, ability of students to enroll in 5000 level courses and restriction.
  - Vote to approve (1<sup>st</sup> Mahendran B., Margaret W. 2<sup>nd</sup>)—Approved
6. New Business:
  - Kai has provided 11<sup>th</sup> day information by unit—allows you to identify who is eligible to apply for the honors program
  - 30 potential honors graduate for Spring 2021
    - If your students are behind please give students a nudge
7. Old Business: none

Important Dates:

April 1 - Defense deadline for Spring 2021 graduates

April 15 - Thesis submission deadline for Spring 2021 graduates

May 4—Discovery Journal submission deadline