

Bumpers Honors Faculty Committee

January 14, 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, Lanier Nalley, Mahendran Balasubramanian, Margaret Worthington

1. Approved agenda (1st Kelly V., 2nd Jamie B.)
2. Approval of October and December minutes (1st Kelly V., 2nd Margaret W.)
3. Introductions of Chair/chair-elect:
 - Gisela Erf is now the Chair for 2021
 - Jill Rucker is the Chair-elect and scribe for 2021

New Committee Members:

- Dr, Jamie Baum (FDSC)
- Jen Becnel (HESC)
- Still waiting on replacement for Dr. Wang

4. Director's Report – no report

5. Old Business – none

6. New Business

- Revision of Policies and Procedures: link on website is outdated
- Modifications:
 - Terms will be rotating off at the academic year (not calendar year)
 - Change verbiage to honors research thesis
 - Noted there is an Assistant Dean of International and Honors Programs
 - Remove director serving as the chair of the College Honors Faculty Committee
 - Statement about Director serving as ex-officio member of the College Honors Faculty Committee
 - Remove departmental representative serving as judge for Outstanding Honors Thesis Competition (no longer exists)
 - Remove departmental representative serving as a faculty representative on all Honors student thesis
 - Major revisions to Honors Faculty section: cleaning up wording for clarification and conciseness (issues: external mentors, mentor selection, revise third paragraph regarding mentor expectations/duties)
 - Correction of proposal requirement to 90 hours (from 80 hours)
 - Honors Orientation: Inclusion of AFLS 1013H with the exception of transfer students

- Honors Curriculum: awareness of completing 6 hours of honors credit in the fall of their freshmen year to be considered for funding; Specify honors research methods course
- Honors Project: revise wording to be more concise and accurately reflect flexibility in the research process/timeline.
- Remove: AFLS Honors students may petition for outside classes
- Add: Honors students can take a 5000 level course (with approval) for honors credit