

Bumpers Honors Faculty Committee

March 11, 2021 | Meeting Minutes

Attending remotely via Teams meeting: Isabel Whitehead, Jill Rucker, Jody Davis, Kelly Vierck, Jamie Baum, Jen Becnel, Gisela Erf, Mary Savin, Lanier Nalley, and Martin Egan.

1. Approved agenda (1st Jill R., 2nd Jamie B.)
2. Approval of February minutes (1st Martin E., Jamie B., 2nd)
3. Isabel Whitehead:
 - Bumpers College Research and Creative Project grant applications are due March 15.
 - Packages will be sent to reviewers on March 19.
 - Reviews will be due back March 26 so we can notify students and mentors by April 1.
 - Four volunteers to serve as reviewers and one alternate: Martin E., Jamie B., Kelly V., Jen B.
 - Virtual poster competition on April 6: abstract deadline is Friday, March 12
4. Director's report: Isabel Whitehead (on behalf of Dr. Lisa Wood)
 - Options for admission for fall 2022 – Honors College would like to know if each college is willing to continue the three options for admission for fall 2022. As a reminder, the options are:
 - ACT 28 or above and GPA 3.5 or above
 - ACT 26 or above and GPA 4.0 or above
 - ACT less than 26 and GPA < 4.0 but an essay written as part of the application Bumpers
 - ***Honor Committee voted: (Jamie B. moved to approve three options for the fall; Kelly V. 2nd)***
 - ***Motion passed unanimously***
 - Currently Bumpers has 72 Honors admits for fall 2021
 - Honors College numbers as a whole are up ~1% over fall 2020 admits
 - Fellowship interviews were completed Monday March 8 and announcements of awardees should be made by mid-April
 - Bumpers has 36 students finishing up for spring graduation; 1 summer graduate
5. Old Business – None
6. New Business – None

Important dates to remember:

- April 1 – deadline to defend
- April 15 – deadline to submit to ScholarWorks
- April 15 @ 4:00 - Virtual Honors and Awards Ceremony (Zoom)