

## **Bumpers Honors Faculty Committee**

### **December 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Attending remotely via Teams meeting: Lisa Wood, Isabel Whitehead, Jill Rucker, Mary Savin, Amanda Terrell, Lanier Nalley, Yao-Chin Wang, Luke Howard, Mahendran Balasubramanian, Margaret Worthington, Jody Davis, Gisela Erf

1. Approved agenda (1<sup>st</sup> Luke Howard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Yao-Chin Wang)
2. Approval of October meeting minutes pending; Jill Rutgers will plan for approval by email
3. Isabel Whitehead:  
Update on Bumpers Honor Student Events:
  - A virtual Honors cooking class, Fa 2020
  - Meeting with a Graduate School Admissions panel, Fa 2020.
  - A Virtual Poster Competition is planned for the first week in March 2021.
    - In previous years, this poster competition was scheduled for early-mid April and included Bumpers undergraduate and graduate student projects. However, for Sp 2021, this will be a virtual meeting targeting all Bumpers undergraduate student research projects, especially honors research grant projects.
    - Each Honors faculty committee member was encouraged to communicate this information to faculty in their departments to facilitate student-faculty planning for this event.
    - Discussion will continue in January 2021, including virtual format, length of presentation, Q&A opportunities, and solicitation for judges
4. Honors activities requirement discussion – Isabel Whitehead
  - Due to low attendance and participation at events offered by the Honors Student Board, options were considered that foster more active student engagement. Discussed was a program similar to the Opt-in program of the Honors College. Such a program could be added as a requirement for Bumpers Honors students (e.g., in an academic year, students attend 5 events and provide 5 hours of service; fulfillment would be based on a point system and student could state participation on resume).
  - However, a structured approach like this this may not be necessary if there is no demand (plan to survey students again), and students already have so much to do.
  - Other ideas to increase participation included “bring a friend”, special invitation from individual board members, and identification of past activities that had the best participation.
5. Election for Chair-elect – Jill Rucker; unanimous

#### **Important Dates:**

- Honors study abroad scholarship deadlines:
  - February 1
  - Please note that virtual programs are not supported at this time