

## Bumpers Honors Faculty Committee

### October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

1. Approved agenda
2. Approved minutes of September meeting
3. Update on Bumpers Honors graduation numbers – Jody Davis  
Commencement in Fall is for Sp, Su, and Fa 2020 graduates, 7 students applied for fall Honors graduation; planned small ceremonies, no speakers, duration less than 1 hour; may have two ceremonies, but students may decide not to walk or defer to Sp 21.
4. Honors Student Board report – Isabel Whitehead  
Virtual meetings with student board were conducted; seeking nomination for faculty mentor award; talked about ideas for virtual event planning, possibly a virtual seminar on pre-grad/pre-professional tracks and wellness topics (e.g. how to decrease stress), as well as an activity.
5. Honors College Track discussion - Isabel Whitehead  
Honors College is looking to diversify pathways towards Honors graduation; focus on a path without research or creative project/thesis to address challenges due to a high student to mentor ratio, especially in ARSC. This track would be experiential learning based, requiring 12 credits from 3 of 4 categories of experiential learning (study abroad, service learning, research/creative internships);  
Discussed concern that many students would choose this track over the thesis track; this may be avoided by upfront commitment to one track over another without opportunity to switch program;  
Also discussed possibility to reserve Latin Honors designations for Thesis Honors students and how to recruit non-Bumpers students to conduct Honors projects under the tutelage of Bumpers College faculty mentors.  
Isabel Whitehead will provide document for further discussion
6. Requested 3 to 4 reviewers for Bumpers Honors grant; Worthington, Nalley, Williams, and Wang volunteered
  - a. Proposals due: October 20
  - b. Proposals out for review: October 26
  - c. Reviewed proposals returned: November 6

#### Important Dates:

- December honors graduates:
  - Fall defense deadline: November 1
  - Thesis format review with Ms. Whitehead: November 10
  - Thesis uploaded with the library: November 15

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