

Honors Faculty Committee
April 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Attending remotely via zoom meeting: Lisa Wood, Isabel Whitehead, Jeff Miller, Amanda Williams, Lanier Nalley, Yao-Chin Wang, Luke Howard, Martin Egan, Mahendran Balasubramanian, Margaret Worthington, Gisela Erf

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of previous minutes
3. Departmental updates: POSC is in discussion with Honors director regarding a POSC undergraduate research course, which could be offered with an Honors section. Discussion in progress. No other departmental updates reported.
4. Director's Update - Dr. Lisa Wood
 - a. Updates on Spring 20 thesis defenses. 21 DBCAFLS students completed, 9 outstanding for Sp 20 completion.
College scholarships (63) awarded
 - b. Campus directors meeting update: reported various changes in student recruitment, orientation, welcome of new students, etc. due to the need for remote interactions. No in person orientations.

Honors College may have a function for students and parents during the week before the semester begins and is considering to offer a module for Honors students as part of Destination Arkansas

AP exams still taken as usual; 1V1 credits not accepted, but opportunity for students to CLEP out

Several new Honors courses offered; listed on Honors College website

5. Honors Student Board Update - Isabel Whitehead

Honors student mentors successfully selected across disciplines in college, included 3 additional mentors

Honors student board includes several returning members plus new members

To get crossover with College ambassadors and Honors student board, one Honors student board member also will serve as College Ambassador.
6. Old Business

- a. Update on research and creative project proposal guideline revisions and grant reporting requirements (Dr. Wood):
Revision is in progress. Dr. Woods will send a draft to committee for input and approval. Implementation of new guidelines will be fall 2020. However, a final vote could be taken during the first Honors Faculty Committee meeting in fall 2020, as proposal are due in October.
- b. Grant applications reviews due April 30. Four applicants to be reviewed by Martin Egan, Mahendran Balasubramanian, and Amanda Williams by April 30, 2020.

7. New Business

Guidance from library regarding Uploading theses to Scholarworks (Wood/Whitehead):

On-line forms will be used until in person meetings are permitted.

Form 3 requires signatures from committee. If electronic signatures not possible, will need confirmation (email) from faculty mentor that all members voted and the student received a pass.

For submission, mentor and student need to sign form for upload and indicate immediate or delayed uploads.

Deadlines for completion and thesis submission are currently somewhat relaxed, but May 1, 2020 (dead day) is an absolute deadline for thesis upload. If later, the student will be considered for summer graduation.

8. Adjourn

Dates to remember:

April 15—Thesis submission deadline (see 7. Above)

April 30—Grant application reviews are due

Thank you to Lisa Wood who will report meeting minutes to faculty senate on Friday 4-17-2020, because Jeff Miller and Gisela Erf have time conflicts for this meeting.