

Honors Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting – Friday February 17, 2017 – 3 pm – Honors Program - duPont 210

Present – Maria Laura Bocaz (CAS), Daniel Hirschberg (CAS), Janie Lee (CAS), Jennifer Polack (CAS) *ex officio* - Jeanne Campbell (CAS), Kelli Slunt (CAS).

Participated by phone - John Broome (COE).

New Business

1) The committee considered applications from 33 current UMW students for acceptance into the Honors Program. Applications included an essay, letter of recommendation, and student transcripts. Twenty-four students were accepted into the program. The committee discussed having the letters indicating that the students were not accepted into the program describing the main reason was a lack of adherence to the essay prompt and the quality of the essay. The committee also discussed that future applications should include more guidance about word count suggestions for the essays.

2) The committee considered an appeals from three students for re-instatement to the Honors Program.

Action – the committee decided to reinstate one student on probation. The committee decided to uphold the decision to dismiss two of the students.

3) The committee considered an application from Shannon Haley to designate Math 491A: Advanced Cryptology as a course to fulfill the HN Research Methods Requirement. The committee voted to approve the course.

4) The meeting scheduled for March is cancelled due to no current business. Any business arising will be addressed electronically.

The meeting ended at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Slunt

Director of Honors Program, Chair and Secretary of the Honors Program Committee