

Honors Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting – Thursday September 14, 2017 – 3:15 pm – Honors Program duPont 210

Present - Jennifer Barry (CAS), Maria Laura Bocaz (CAS), Daniel Hirshberg (CAS), Donghyun Lee (CAS), Janie Lee (CAS), *ex officio* - Jeanne Campbell (CAS), and Kelli Slunt (CAS)

Approval of minutes from August 17, 2017 and the electronic action item report from August 29, 2017 – Action: *unanimously approved*

Old Business

- 1) Transfer Students Honors Course Approval - reconsidered the course proposals from a transfer student from Sacred Heart University Honors Program with additional information provided from Honors Program Director
 - a. FYEN 125H – Action: *not approved by majority of the committee*
 - b. PHIL 274AH – Action: *approved for Honors transfer credit*

New Business

- 1) Appeal from two students for re-instatement to the Honors Program
 - a) The committee considered an appeal from a student who was dismissed for failure to meet the required GPA for the Honors Program. Action: *one student was re-instated on probation within the Honors Program. The committee expects the student to earn at least a 3.9 or 4.0 fall semester GPA in order to work towards raising the overall GPA to 3.2. The student will not be permitted to appeal a future dismissal from the Honors Program. It is recommended that the student should take no more than 4 courses in the fall 2017 semester and should seek recommendations from academic services and faculty advisors.*
 - b) The committee considered an appeal from a student who was dismissed for failure to complete the yearly co-curricular requirement of the Honors Program. Action: *the student's appeal was denied.*
- 2) The committee considered and reviewed proposed changes to the Honors Program requirements to remove the mentoring requirement and to change the wording in the catalog that Honors Scholars are required to complete two requirements per year instead of 6 credits of HN coursework. Action: *approved the proposal which will now be submitted to the Curriculum Committees.*

3) New Course Proposals – the committee considered the proposals to make HN designated sections of the following courses:

- a. CLAS 351
- b. RELG 298
- c. ENGL 205
- d. PSCI 102

Action – *all course proposals were unanimously approved.*

4) Research methods proposal for URES 197 from an Honors Scholar – Action: *unanimously approved*

5) Due to a conflict with Thursdays as a meeting time, the committee decided to change the dates of the future meetings (subject to cancelling if no business exists) to Tuesdays.

The meeting ended at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Slunt

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