

## Honors Program Committee

Meeting – Tuesday September 18, 2018 – 4 pm – Honors Program duPont 210

Present – Jennifer Barry (CAS), Maria Laura Bocaz (CAS), Donghyun Lee (CAS), Janie Lee (CAS), Jessica Zeitz (CAS), *ex officio* – Amanda Ronay (Office Manager and Honors Program Coordinator), Mara Scanlon (CAS), and Kelli Slunt (CAS).

- 1) Approval of minutes/action item reports from April 3, 2018, April 16, 2018, and August 23, 2018 - *Action: all approved*
- 2) Motion – to consider a student appeal of dismissal from the program for low GPA – the appeal letter and transcript of the student were considered. *Action: The committee voted to reinstate the student with the condition that student must complete the Fall 2018 semester with a semester GPA of 3.50 to insure that the student is making progress towards the required overall GPA of 3.20.*
- 3) Motion – to approve transfer HN coursework from Rappahannock Community College. The committee considered the materials submitted by the student. The submission did not include required sample coursework or enough details to discern if the course was equivalent to an UMW HN designated course. *Action: Kelli will contact the student and request additional information and the committee will re-consider any new submissions at a future meeting.*
- 4) Motion – to approve a proposal from Janie Lee to allow LING 470R Discourse Analysis to fulfill the Research Methods requirements for students enrolled in the course in Fall 2018. *Action: approved*
- 5) Motion – to approve the following course proposals for Spring 2019 for HN designation
  - a. ANTH 316, Political Anthropology – Eric Gable  
*Action: Approved*
  - b. GEOG 301, Latin America and the Caribbean – Dawn Bowen  
*Action: Approved*
  - c. HISP 100, Introduction to Historic Preservation – Andréa Livi Smith  
*Action: Approved*
  - d. PSCI 391, Research and Writing – Chad Murphy, Stephen Farnsworth, and Emile Lester  
*Action: send back to faculty/department for clarification about if all sections would be offered as HN or if non-honors sections would be offered and the HN*

*section would have additional work which is not in the spirit of an HN designated course at UMW.*

- e. SOCG 105, Social World – Nora Hui-Jung Kim

*Action: Approved*

- 6) The committee discussed the research methods course requirement and capstone preparation of HN scholars. During the senior HN checklist review meetings, Kelli and Mara have encountered confusion and some frustration from students about the capstone requirement and how to prepare the capstone proposal. Many students complete an approved research methods course in a discipline that is not their major discipline or complete the course early in their tenure at UMW. There are also some disciplines that do not offer or have a required methods course in the discipline or the course offerings or pre-requisites do not allow the student to complete the course until the semester in which the capstone will be completed. One suggestion to address this concern is to offer a capstone prep. Mara will investigate and design a seminar for the spring semester for capstone preparation and run it as a trial. Students can opt into the experience and if the student is in a discipline that does not offer a research methods course the student may be able to use this experience to fulfill the research methods requirement. Mara and Kelli will seek ideas from other honors programs about capstone preparations at NCHC and Kelli will also discuss this while at an Honors Program review at Shepherd University in November.
- 7) Updates on the program: Mara will be offering Honors Guided meditations this semester and is working with Martha Burtis and Jessica Reingold to offer a three part Domain of One's Own workshop for HN scholars in the spring. Kelli will offer the GW Premedical preparation seminar for HN Scholars this fall as well.
- 8) New meeting – the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled due to conflicts for several members of the committee. Next meeting is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.