University of Mary Washington Honors Program Committee Academic Year Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

Online Meeting Action Item for November 2020

1. Student Appeal

Item: A 2nd year student in the Honors program is behind of her Honors course requirements because she did not take an Honors course in the Spring 2020, due to lack of clear guidance on the Honors program requirements. During the Spring 2020 advising period, she was advised to take a course to meet the Honors Program requirements and registered for it; however, that course (due to staffing issues) was not offered as HN this semester, and the student is now at the risk of being put on probation from the Honors program. The course in question has retained many of the outcomes associated with the HN designation.

Decision: A majority of committee voted in favor of waiving the HN course requirement (Option 3) citing 1) mis/insufficient advising she has gotten during AY 2019 - 2020, 2) extra challenges posed by the pandemic, and 3) sufficient similarities in the content of non-Honors and Honors versions of the course in question.