2018-2019 Honors Committee Report:

The committee consisted of 7 faculty members, 1 student members, and Honors Dept personnel.

2018-2019 committee members:
Zeff Bjerken, Religion Studies
John Chadwick, Geology
Rebekah Compton, Art & Architectural History
Kate Pfile, Health & Human Performance - Secretary
Brian Scholtens, Biology – Chair
Lisa Signori, French & Italian
David Wyman, Management & Marketing
Sophie Forstein, student member

The committee for the 2019-2020 year will be:
Lancie Affonso, Computer Science
Zeff Bjerken, Religious Studies
Rebekah Compton, Art & Architectural History
Sam Flores, Classics - Secretary
Amy Malek, International Studies
Kate Pfile, Health & Human Performance – Chair
Giaconda Quesada, Supply Chain & Information Management
Two student members to be decided

For much of the year we met twice a month to conduct business. The minutes of most meetings have already been submitted.

Our major items of business for the year were
1) Reading and evaluating student essays for admissions. In total each committee member read and scored over 100 essays.
2) Participating in the Honors Interview weekend in February. This weekend was very successful, with more than 50% of students who interviewed expected to matriculate at the College of Charleston
3) Reviewing and approving honors course proposals for the 2019-2020 academic year.
4) Along with the Academic Standards Committee, reviewing and updating the policy and descriptions of Bachelor’s Essay classes.
5) Reading and reviewing Bachelor’s Essays submitted by graduating Honor’s students for assessment.

Overall, the Honors College Committee had a very productive year, and this paid off for the Honors College. The College had a record number of incoming students for the fall of 2018, and we are on track to match or exceed that this coming year. About 270 freshmen are expected in
the Honors College this fall compared to 193 during the fall of 2017 and 260 during the fall of 2018.