A. Committee introductions

B. Overview & function of the committee
   a. Course approvals
   b. Admission essay review
   c. Spring scholarship interviews (2/8-2/9)
   d. Student petitions
   e. Honors College standards/function
      i. Currently there are 2 vacant lines within the Honors College with the potential to be filled as instructor lines
      ii. Proposal being brought to Faculty Senate for September meeting

C. Chris Bailey gave an update on student facts & figures
   a. 264 freshman in the 2022 class
   b. Last year’s efforts to re-work the application and admission process yielded a higher percentage of students who accepted the offer to the Honors College
      i. ~15,000 applicants to CofC as a whole for the 2022 class
      ii. 1670 students started the Honors application process
      iii. 1381 completed the process and 900 were admitted
   c. Scholarship funding and individualized faculty involvement in student mentoring and research are strongly attributed to this increase in class size
   d. Applicants are receive a total application score based on these components:
      i. Resume
      ii. Essay
      iii. Test scores
      iv. Transcript score
   e. The Honors College developed a decision tree to assist with identifying high quality students who will be successful at CofC
      i. Intent is to continue to refine this model for 2018-19
      ii. Looking to accept ~250 students for the 2023 cohort

D. The Honors program is also working on starting a Faculty Fellows program. 3 faculty would enter the program each year, and teach at least one class in honors for the next 4 years. They would be encouraged to work together on themed classes and would be able to follow a cohort of students through, including helping with advising (30 students). They would receive a $5000 for the first 3 years and lower in the 4th.

E. We will be interviewing undergraduates for a spot on the committee. Ideally we would get a junior, so that we can have continuity for next year’s committee.
F. At the next meeting we will score 3 student essays using our standard rubric. We will be making sure that all committee members are giving comparable scores.

G. Trisha mentioned that all of us should put Feb 8-9 on our calendar for doing scholarship interviews.

Meeting adjourned about 11:20.