Honors Committee minutes – 3 Dec 2018

A. Bachelor’s Essay proposal to adjust compliance and grading procedures
   a. Structure
      i. 6 credit hours across 2 semesters
      ii. Only senior year?
      iii. GPA requirement to enroll? Different across majors
      iv. Distinct experience from 2 independent studies?
      v. Grade for all 6 hours? Find a better way to arrange the grading process after the first semester rather than giving an IP
         1. pass/fair for 1st semester?
         2. Provide a separate syllabus for semester 1 vs. 2
         3. Progress report after 1st semester
      vi. Exit plan? how does the student manage the course if after 1 semester the plan isn’t working
      vii. Presentation requirement? presentation vs. defense
      viii. Don’t adjust departmental policy (length, GPA prereq) but provide framework for what the emphasis
   b. SLOs
      i. Is there enough of a similar structure across disciplines to come up with a general SLO
      ii. Should all BEs require a written component?
         1. Articulation of the problem/ rationale for performing the project
         2. Provide context/literature review for the research/product
      iii. Project-based, hands-on exposure within the discipline
      iv. Demonstrate theoretical foundation of the work of the project through a literature review completed in the first semester
      v. Demonstrate understanding of relevant methodologies through a proposal that lays out the plans for the project
      vi. Demonstrate mastery of the methodology through a final paper/product submitted at the end of the semester.
   c. Workload issues
      i. Does the FAM give credit for supervising BE?
      ii. Faculty member responsible for justifying how supervising BEs falls into teaching, service, scholarship
      iii. Are any departments banking BEs for course release?
      iv. Stipend from AA to faculty for supervising
         1. Raises the bar for increasing the experience/product
         2. Would faculty would recruit students to increase stipend awards?
         3. Apply to a pool of money every few years for demonstrating excellent BE outcomes