Minutes from 20 Apr 2018

Members of Old and New Committees in Attendance

New Curriculum passed!

Admissions Essay Question feedback
- like having one question

Admissions Stats
- 1667 applicants
- 947 essays read
- Record number of students coming this fall - 242 (compared of 193 last year), and with higher test scores and GPAs
- 46 coming out of 114 who came to interview weekend

Course proposals
- Brooke Permenter - approved
- Joshua Shanes - approved pending further information about SLOs
- Sam Flores

Draft of Course Proposal Forms
- Comment
  — guidelines for “writing intensive” (including revision)? - give examples
- Approved

Assessment
- evaluations of bachelors essays - due May 3
- will be put on OAKS - committee will evaluate a subset of the essays (8 per committee member)
- rubric passed out (will also be in OAKS) - 7 subscores with a scale of 1-3

Next year's committee chair (Brain Scholtens) and secretary (Kate Pfile) nominated and approved

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Curriculum is all submitted to the curriculum committee
- Lynn Cherry is looking at it
- Requirements will be mostly be by hours rather than by courses (all except colloquia)
- Had lots of meetings with faculty
- Some concern about numbers of courses needed for curriculum to viable
- Math issues
- Curriculum proposal - can use attachments rather than go through curriculog
- Can operate like gen ed within curriculog - can add, delete, change courses without changing the catalogue year every time
- Getting letters of support
- Curriculum is going to launch next year if it goes through the senate

Important: **April 10, 5pm** - Senate meeting where Curriculum Committee will report

Physics submitted to curriculum new descriptions for their honors courses - worked as a committee on revising and giving feedback on text to physics

Admissions Recruitment going well - ahead other last two years in terms of deposits

Meetings - one per month going forward. Next meeting: **Friday, April 20**
- there will be new math proposals coming in
- history is going to propose versions of history 115 and 116 in the colloquium series

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Received handouts with information about recent admits and recent graduates

Revised Discussion Prompts for Interview Weekend

Discussed Advanced Studies Seminar language (handout distributed)

- Contains two kinds of courses
- Will call “Advanced Disciplinary Course” (non foundational, with prerequisites, i.e. Honors Chemistry) and “Advanced Special Topics Seminar”

Colloquium Descriptions Need to be Finalized - still need two more
- Need to make more inclusive, shorter
- Will go into undergraduate catalogue
- Need feedback (handout distributed) - to be discussed next time

Interviews Next Weekend - information forthcoming

Next meeting 12pm, 2/9/18

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**Interview weekend**
- Increase this years in rate of acceptance of invitation to interview weekend
- Students who attend are significantly more likely to come to the College
- Importance of applicants meeting faculty and students - recruitment

Schedule
- Friday morning, 9am opening session with parents
- 10-4:30 activities, academic programming based on interests
- 5:30 at the Francis Marion - Receptions for parents - committee invited

Saturday - intensive interview day

Committee sets structure for interviews
- Discuss current events
- Have to take an opposing view - that is the hard part
- How do their minds work, are they mature?
- Will have three ranked lists of candidates

(Handouts) - Interview structure and rating form

Decided on Current Events Discussion Topics:
- First amendment/fake news/cybersecurity/privacy - JC to draft
- Brexit/Globalization/Refugees in Germany - BG to draft
- Offshore oil drilling - BS to draft
- Healthcare access - KP to draft

**Drafts due by Wednesday**

**Curriculum**
Deans are happy with updated changes - sharing with chairs
Proposal due by January 24 for February 9 curriculum committee meeting (and March Faculty Senate meeting)

- need letters of support

**Committee Scheduling - will meet at 12pm for the rest of the semester**

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Meeting Goals:
1) Look at foundations of knowledge and methods of inquiry - feedback
   - common features of existing classes
2) Program goals and curriculum map (learning goals) - create alignment
   learning goals - for new classes (to start work on curriculog)

Foundations Requirements
- Changed second course content/delivery item (number 6) to “active/hands-on learning
  techniques, exposure to primary sources in the discipline, and/or analytical writing assignments”
- Approved

Program Goals - I/R/D
- Learning Goal 1 - delete middle clause
- Learning Goal 2 - change to “Demonstrate quantitative literacy and the ability to solve problems
  in a wide array of contexts.”
- Learning Goal 3 - change to “Demonstrate the ability to create and communicate analytic
  arguments supported by evidence.”
- Learning Goal 6 - get rid of “demeanor”

Math Department- ongoing issues
- Honors calc both semesters; conceptual tour of math; honors business stats; honors stats

Need to create syllabi for Curriculum Committee - Rachel (ethics) and Trisha (social justice)

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Here are the topics that we discussed at the Honors College Committee meeting yesterday:

1) Honors Interdisciplinary Courses
- Committee voted unanimously to accept all seven applications
- More courses will be needed (need ~7 per semester)
- Working with Todd LaVasseur to shifts his Honors "Approaches to Religion” course (with a trip to Asheville) to an honors interdisciplinary course

2) New Curriculum
- Department chairs seemed happy
- One proposal for an “Exploring Complexity and Diversity” course, from Sam Flores (Classics) - submitted before the colloquium model was introduced

3) Quantitative Reasoning Requirement
- Challenging conversation with math department
- Goal: a unique experience for honors students, recognition of different needs of science and non-science students
- Outcome:
  — Math will offer honors courses
  — Logic and some quantitative courses in non-math departments will count
  — Students must earn a 4 or 5 AP score to replace Math 120 and/or Math 250
  — Will not accept dual enrollment credit
  — Will accept transfer credit for Math 120

4) New Honors College Program Goals
- New document, asserting overarching goals (not assessable)
- Unanimous vote in favor

5) Course learning goals
- Considered chart demonstrating how they map onto the new curriculum
- Terminology: (I - introduce; R - reinforce; P - practice; D - demonstrate; M - master)
- Reworded some of the learning goals to be more holistic and inclusive
- Re-ordered learning goals, to move from most basic to most advanced

Best,
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Meetings with various faculty groups have taken place. Concerns include:
- disciplinary/departmental territoriality  
- losing humanities content and team teaching  
- incentivizing departments to participate  

**Quantitative Methods requirement**  
Offer courses beyond the math department:  
- Remove 200-level requirement  
New Course proposal forms needed for:  
- Honors-approved classes  
- New HONS quantitative reasoning courses  

**Foundations of Knowledge**  
- change focus on writing to developing "skills appropriate to the discipline"  

**Exploring Human Complexity and Diversity**  
- “Colloquia” - will establish core interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum  
- Start with 6 special topics (can add later)  
- Change “seminal texts” to “important/significant/central texts"  
- Distribute Call for Proposals (with template), along with suggestions  
  — send to departments (also to western civ faculty)  
  — example - “Social Justice and Ethics"  

**Interdisciplinary**  
- change to Advanced Special Topics Seminar  

New course descriptions needed to begin approval process through committees  

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**Honors Curriculum Proposal**
- humanities professors expressed concern to Dean Folds-Bennett that the curriculum was vague and diminished the humanities focus
- they also expressed concern about the privileging of math department courses in quantitative reasoning (vs. special HONS quantitative courses)
- proposed new language (*handout with changes*)

**Discussion about "Explorations in Complexity and Diversity" category**

Overall concerns:
- Necessity of including sciences, while acknowledging concerns of humanities faculty
- Noting centrality of humanities to all honors programs - shouldn’t be able to get through honors taking only business/science class
- Want students to think about big questions that are critical to human society
- Language of the text- why “cultural”? Need more flexibility, think about changing “and” to “or"

Category description:
- Make less about global citizenship - more parallel to “Foundations” and “Perspectives” categories, with focus on process of courses
- Seems a common concern is breadth, awareness of global issues

Co-teaching has been a major incentive - try to encourage, eventually require (would need support from administration)

Idea of having a set list of broad courses that faculty could apply to teach:
- Could incorporate courses already on the books (*handout*)
  — i.e. "Elements of Human Culture", "Value and Tradition in the Nonwestern World"
- Could require students to take two in this category (possibly one each from new lists, although that causes problems for student schedules)
- Come up with eight (or so) topics that will define this category (there could be multiple sections for each)
- New topic suggestions: “Human Communities”; “Sustainability”; "Social Justice and Equity"

Information needed:
- Consult with faculty about how often they will teach these courses, and what topics they would suggest
- Find shared list of outcomes for courses in this category
- Talk to chairs about commitments

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Interviewed student candidates for committee:

1:00 Kaylee Hooker
1:15 Mary Hastings Puckett
1:30 Sophie Forstein
1:45 Danya Firestone

Brian Scholtens, chair
Biology Dept.
Agenda for Honors Program Committee – Sept 1, 2017

A. Secretary for committee

B. Pushing the curriculum forward - I went to the training about how to use the new course proposal system, so I should be ready to do that.

C. Honors course proposals - as they come in

D. Finding a student rep for the committee

E. Looking forward to what else we will need to do this term and next (admissions)