Honors College Committee Meeting
Zoom: https://cofc.zoom.us/j/2522235374
10 Greenway, 2nd floor
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
11am-12pm

PRESENT:
Lancie Affonso, Deborah Boyle, Brigit Ferguson, Bryan Ganaway, Joelle Reich, Ana Uribe, Mike Maher

DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED PRIOR:
-FAM Description of HONS Committee Composition
-Curriculum Change Descriptions

MINUTES:

I. Mike explained the need for an additional student rep to abide by the language set forth in the FAM. Lilli Taylor has been nominated and the committee approves.

II. Bryan Ganaway updated the Honors Committee on their role in the admissions process. There will be an ARM piece that pulls some applications out of the pipeline; this will lighten the load. There will be an additional HONS meeting prior to our scheduled 11/15 meeting. Cailin Johnson will train committee members on reading and applying the rubric to admissions essays.

III. The current FAM Description of HONS Committee composition outlines a representative from each school listed along with an at-large member. Changes in language are needed to address the new School of Health and Sciences. The committee decided on the following changes to the FAM description of the HONS Committee: 1) enact the change suggested by RoxAnn that removes the school list. 2) Remove the language about the member at-large. The Associate Dean of the Honors College is always appointed to the committee and can serve in this capacity. 3) Remove text about the student representatives being nominated by the student body. It is difficult enough to find students available to serve, so we would like to maintain flexibility in this regard.

Here is the updated FAM language:
“Honors College Committee a. Composition: Seven faculty members [one representative from each academic school each from: School of Humanities and Social Sciences; School of Sciences and Mathematics; School of Business; School of the Arts; School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs; and School of Education, Health, and Human Performance; plus one member at-large (four of whom shall have taught recently in the Honors College)], two student representatives (one junior and one senior) chosen by the Honors Committee from
students nominated by the Honors student body. The expectation is that faculty committee members will serve a two-year term; student member terms are one year and they are eligible for reelection. The Dean of the Honors College (or the Dean’s designee) is an ex-officio non-voting member of this committee; the dean may also invite other Honors faculty and staff to participate as ex-officio nonvoting members.”

IV. Bryan Ganaway gave an overview of the rationale behind the curricular changes below. The HONS Committee approved the following curricular changes. Bryan will now move forward in the Curriculog process.
A. Moving HONS 226/HONS 227 from the colloquium to the Foundations.
B. Creating two new REI courses to mirror the new HIST 117 and HIST 118 classes in the history department.
C. See if the Engineering capstone courses (ENGR 470/471) can be listed as courses that count for the BE.
D. Convert a special topics humanities class (ethics) taught by philosophy to a catalog number (HONS 176).
E. Convert a special topics humanities (art history) class taught by Brooke Permenter to a catalog number (HONS 177).
F. Convert an honors advanced special topics course (Molecular Biology) taught by Renault Geslain to a catalog number (HONS 312).