

Honors and Scholar Program Council – Final Minutes  
February 15, 2017  
3:00-4:20 - Education Room 211

Members in attendance:

**Faculty/Staff:** Terry Byrne, Linda Dempf, Maria Domingo, Wayne Heisler, Ann Peel, Nina Peel, Steven Tomkiel

**Students (called at 3:15):** Marc Casale, Emily Thompson, Padma Radhakrishnan, Amit Rana

1. HSPC faculty and staff discussed the Fall 2016 Honors Outstanding Scholars Award, and chose the award recipient. Wayne will send out the call soon for the Spring Outstanding Scholar Award, and we will evaluate applications by the March meeting, before the Honors Banquet in April.

*Action item: Heisler will look over the language of the award application before the call for the Spring 2017 award.*

2. Minutes from 12/14/16 meeting were approved.

3. Due to conflicts with an internship and other commitments, Mi-Yeon Park will no longer be serving on the HSPC. Although we only have two more meetings this year, it was decided that the vacancy should be filled.

*Action item: Wayne will reach out to student(s) who expressed interest in serving on the Committee in the fall.*

3. Announcements from Honors Coordinator Wayne Heisler:

Wayne hosted two Honors Program Lunch and Information Sessions on February 14 and 15, and about 30 faculty members attended over the two days. Perennial Honors faculty also expressed interest but could not attend. Many of the questions that came up during the sessions overlap with issues that are raised in the self-study. Questions included: how Honors courses are delineated, what are the Pillars, the possibility of interdisciplinary Honors capstone, team teaching, Honors Program outcomes, how Honors supports the signature experiences, and housing—lack of community. Kit's plan with enrollment management (same model used for FSP program) was also discussed, as well as Honors courses within departments that are not related to Honors Program, but can be taken for credit. During the information sessions, Wayne shared the work that he and HSPC have been doing, such as Outstanding Scholars Award, working on reinstating Honors students' attendance at the annual Honors Conference and the self-study.

*Action item: Make sure faculty who teach in Honors program are invited to the Honors Program reception in April.*

4. Wayne is organizing an Honors Panel/Q & A session on Accepted Students Day, April 1, 2:30-3:30. Emily, Padma, and Amit volunteered to be on the panel and speak for a few minutes highlighting any interesting projects or experiences that have emerged from Honors. Marc is

not able to attend, but might make a video or write up an experience that can be read at the session.

*Action item: Wayne will reach out to all Honors students to gather any photos that might be shown during the panel.*

5. Honors Program Self-study update: over the winter break, Glenn edited the document, then Linda, Maria, and Wayne met to resolve comments. Only a few unresolved comments remain. Next steps and dates were discussed: document will be ready to hand over to Kit by February 24. Wayne meets with Kit on March 1, and they may be able to discuss the document then. The remainder of the meeting was spent working on the Resources section of the document.

*Action item: Wayne will make a last editing pass on the document.*

*Action item: Ann will look at document and write the Executive summary.*

6. Due to spring break, the next HSPC meeting will be held on March 29, 3:00-4:20, Education room 211.