

The College of New Jersey  
Honors and Scholars Council (HSC)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 05, 2021

**Present:** Robyn Abrams, Rian Devera, Sharif Ferdous, Harriet Hustis, Rachel Snider.

**Excused:** Maria Domingo, Wayne Heisler, Jennie Sekanics, Stephen Tomkiel.

**Meeting discussion:**

1. Council approved September 29th meeting minutes.
2. Council decided to postpone voting on renaming the Honors Program as "The Honors & Scholars Program" to the 10/20 meeting.
3. Council discussed changing the application deadline to the first Friday of Fall and Spring semesters. Students cannot apply in their freshman Fall semester. Transfer students may apply, but it needs more discussion. This decision will be voted on at the next meeting.
4. A Google form asking students for name, PAWS ID, & intention to apply will be circulated and due Dec. 1st and May 1st. The responses to this form can be used to populate a Canvas Course (called something like HONAPP), enabling students to upload their application materials to Canvas. This decision will be voted on at the next meeting.
5. New application requirements were discussed but not voted
  - a. A 3.0 GPA
  - b. A 500 word essay
  - c. A portfolio of 1-2 items (with a list of suggestions)
  - d. A program planner for students to indicate when & how they expect to complete HON courses/ requirements (modeled after the self-designed major program planner, but shorter)