

The College of New Jersey
Honors and Scholars Council (HSC)
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023

Present: Maria Domingo, Michael Manfredo, Sejong Yoon (recorder)

Excused: Rebecca Li (joined for the last 15 minutes), Kit Murphy, Rachel Snider

Meeting discussion:

- A quorum of members was not reached for this meeting. The HSC will review and vote to approve the Minutes from our 9/6 and 10/4 meetings at the next meeting with a quorum.
- The current HSC Vice Chair resigned from the College. The HSC will elect a new Vice Chair at the next meeting with a quorum of members. HSC will email the Staff Senate to replace the vacancy with another staff member to serve on HSC.
- HSC discussed the student travel budget application process (i.e., current policy for travel funding requests, proposed call for travel funding requests in the fall and spring). The discussion was tabled until the next meeting
- HSC received an update on the Student Government (“SG”) vacancies issue. SG emailed Academic Affairs (Tiffany Youngblood) its call for Honors Program Students to serve on HSC.
- HSC discussed the proposal to remove the intention to apply form from the Honors Program’s current admissions process (i.e., an intention to apply form followed by an application form). Although the present members agreed that the letter of intent may be omitted because of inaccurate results (compared with the number of students who actually applied), further discussion is warranted regarding the timing of the call for applications and potential implications for transfer students.
- HSC discussed the requirement that students complete one unit during their first semester as Honors Students and a second course by the fourth semester as it relates to priority registration. The discussion was tabled until a later date (further data is needed).
- The HSC tried to continue discussion of the selection process for honors courses. Detailed discussion was tabled due to time constraints.