

The College of New Jersey
Honors and Scholars Council (HSC)
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2024

Present: Maria Domingo, Donna Gedin, Rebecca Li, Rachel Snider, Romy Zemer, Sejong Yoon (recorder)

Excused: Michael Manfredo, Christopher Murphy

Meeting discussion:

- HSC unanimously approved the minutes from the [February 7](#) meeting.
- Shirley Wong (Honors Program Class of 2017) will be the keynote speaker at the Honors reception this Spring.
- The Honors Program (HP) director had a meeting with Student Advisory Board members. In general, students seem to be happy with the program and no major concern was raised about courses. They expressed a desire to do things to increase community within the program.
- Instagram posts and website revision are under development to share about Honors by Contract.
- The director asked HSC for feedback on the website. HSC provides the following points to strengthen the presentation of HP on the current website:
 - “Getting a chance to work closely with faculty” through honors-by-contract could be emphasized more strongly on the website as it is a unique opportunity for students to focus on something they are interested in. Maybe relocating the item under the “Benefits” page may help.
 - Reversing the order of items on the “Benefits” page to list Honors by contract first and early registration last. This puts the focus on the academic benefits.
 - We also recommend emphasizing the community of students in the program.
- Reviews for Honors by Contract courses for the Fall semester will soon take place.
- A HON 375 course modification application was approved unanimously. The course has been in the books, but has not been offered in 20 years hence needed a revision in materials. It is planned to be offered every other semester, in Spring.