

The College of New Jersey
Honors and Scholars Council (HSC)
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2024

Present: Alyssa Cuccurullo, Jackie Faulk, Tami Jakubowski, Rebecca Li, Steven Singer, Rachel Snider, Sejong Yoon (recorder),

Excused: Michael Manfredo

1. Minutes from April 3, 2024, were approved by majority.
2. Attendees unanimously voted Rachel as the Chair and Sejong as the Vice Chair of HSC during AY 2024-25.
3. Steven, the new Honors Program director, requested help from faculty members of HSC in reviewing Honors program applications. The program expects to receive about 20 applications and each faculty member will review roughly 6-7. After a little less than a month, the review committee will gather to discuss the applications. Exact date will be determined at a later date considering committee members' availability.
4. Steven shared his future vision as the new director of the Honors Program. Steven mentioned existing values, e.g., academic rigor, as well as building or enhancing the unique value of the program, focusing on interdisciplinary aspects, versus individual course offerings. He also mentioned the importance of creating a legacy for students so that they can see the value of the program as a package, rather than a stamp on a diploma. To accomplish the goal, he intends to invoke a data-driven analysis on the current program. In terms of seats and course availability, he sees that the current curriculum is meeting the existing needs.