

The College of New Jersey
Honors and Scholars Council (HSC)
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2025

Present: Danielle Guarracino, Rebecca Li, Michael Manfredo, Martha Stella (recorder), Sejong Yoon

Excused: Tami Jakubowski

Absent: Japneet Chopra

1. Attendees unanimously voted Sejong as the Chair and Martha as the Vice Chair of HSC during AY 2025-26.
2. HSC discussed the postponement of the self-study review year, given the vacancy of the Honors Program Director, and a focus on collecting and analyzing data to inform the self-study for AY 2025-26. The goal will be to finalize survey questions, administer the survey, collect and analyze the data and bring in an external reviewer.
3. HSC discussed the need to identify an experienced faculty member to lead the self-study review process, who would be compensated with a stipend for Fall and a course release for Spring.
4. Sejong will check with Brittany Aydelotte if the expectation is for the new program director to be appointed by the beginning of the Spring semester. Sejong will ask Brittany to clarify what the HSC's expectations will be regarding program review.
5. HSC will convene again next month. If there is a need to meet in 2 weeks, Sejong will inform the membership. It was agreed that meetings will take place via Zoom. If needed, the HSC will meet in person.