

## **Digest Honors Council Meeting May 11, 2017**

In attendance: Oscar Larsen (Chair), Vanessa Drew-Branch, Yogi Kakad, Erik Byker, Carol Swartz, Murray Webster, Amy Good, Cherese Childers-McKee, Malin Pereira and Shannon Zurell-Carey.

Not in attendance: Sarah Riegel, Heather Smith, Charisse Coston, Jim Frakes, and KR Subramanian

Guest: Jennifer Warner (UHP)

- **Minutes April 20, 2017:** The Council approved the minutes.
- **Appointment of New Honors Faculty:** Faculty with active engagement in honors programs are eligible for nomination to Honors Faculty status. A subcommittee of the Honors Council reviewed the applications and reported to the Council. The Honors Council adopted the motion of the committee to recommend two additional applicants for Honors Faculty Status.
- **Revisions to the University Honors Program (UHP) catalog and courses:** The Council heard and approved a revision of the catalog text and HONR 3790 and HONR 3791 pending various corrections to ensure consistency in language. The Council also recommended that the (work of the) Director of UHP be supported by a campus advisory committee.
- **Inactive honors programs:** The Council discussed the various challenges several honors programs face in offering honors courses, and guiding eligible candidates towards honors distinction. The Council supported the continuing dialogue with department chairs, as well as recommended a discussion on Dean-Provost level how to facilitate and increase honors participation in order to reach the desired 5% benchmark.
- **Communication/support amongst honors programs:** The Council explored ways in which honors programs can emulate successful models on campus, and how program directors may receive peer-to-peer support and exchange of ideas and practices. The Honor College will further develop this effort.