

## **Digest Honors Council Meeting February 16th, 2017**

In attendance: Oscar Lansen (Chair), Erik Byker (for Charisse Coston), Sarah Riegel, Heather Smith, Harish Cherukuri (for Yogi Kakad), Murray Webster, Amy Peters (for Vanessa Drew-Branch), Malin Pereira (ex officio), and Shannon Zurell-Carey.

Not in attendance: Jim Frakes, Carol Swartz, and KR Subramanian.

Guest: Elizabeth Stearns

- **Minutes January 19, 2017:** The Council approved the minutes.
- **SOCY 3755/3155:** The Honors Council reheard and approved this proposal with amendments.
- **SOCY 4763/3769:** The Honors Council approved this proposal.
- **Call for Judges Undergraduate Research Conference.** The Honors Council agreed to serve as judges for the Honors College prizes. The Chair will coordinate this effort. In addition, Malin Pereira will send a memo to department chairs, honors program directors, and faculty encouraging their participation.
- **Honors Faculty Reappointment Procedures:** Honors Faculty appointments are valid for five years; before a member needs to be reappointed. After witnessing the challenges the Honors College incurred last year to have faculty timely reapply, the Honors Council simplified and streamlined the procedure. In addition, the Honors Council stipulated that *active* honors directors are de jure members of the honors faculty and do not need to reapply.