

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

In attendance: Oscar Lansen (Chair), Erik Byker (for Charisse Coston), Sarah Riegel, Heather Smith, Yogi Kakad, Jim Frakes, KR Subramanian, Malin Pereira (ex officio), and Shannon Zurell-Carey.

Not in attendance: Vanessa Drew-Branch, Carol Swartz, and Murray Webster.

No guests

- **Minutes February 16th, 2017:** The Council approved the minutes after correction and addition.
- **Revision Honors Faculty Reappointment Form:** Honors Faculty appointments are valid for five years; before a member needs to be reappointed. In preparation for this year's reappointment process, the Honors Council simplified the Honors Faculty reappointment application form. It also (re)formulated what constitutes active honors engagement and research/scholarship, to account for the wide and diverse academic engagement of our honors faculty.
- **New Honors Faculty Appointments:** Faculty with active engagement in honors programs are eligible for nomination to Honors Faculty status. The Honors Council established procedures by which nominations are forwarded to the Council; and established a subcommittee to review each nomination.
- **Honors Prizes Undergraduate Research Conference:** The Chair of the Honors Council in collaboration with the organizing committee established multiple panels of judges from amongst Honors Council members to evaluate the performance of honors students during the Undergraduate Research Council