

Digest Honors Council Meeting February 22, 2018

In attendance: Oscar Larsen (Chair), Carol Swartz, Mark Pizzato, Heather Smith, Ryan Detig, Amy Peters (for Vanessa Drew-Branch), Erik Byker (for Charisse Coston/Amy Good), David Dalton, Malin Pereira and Shannon Zurell-Carey. Absent: Milind Khire, Akin Ogundiran, Amy Good, KR Subramanian, Vanessa Drew-Branch, Charisse Coston, Amy Good

- **Minutes January 25, 2018:** The Council approved the minutes
- **Updates:**
 - The College of Computing and Informatics will defer the revision of their honors program to Fall 2019.
 - The Honors Council with assistance of Faculty President Rich Leeman is revising its responsibilities to bring the latter closer in line with its peer standing committees on the Faculty Council. Changes will include a greater qualitative oversight as well as an annual review of the performance of the Executive Director of the Honors College.
- **Proposal to revise the credit hours in Honors in Engineering.** The Honors Council approved this proposal.
- **Proposal to revise Sociology 4763.** The Honors Council approved this proposal.
- **Proposal to add H-sections in Kinesiology.** The Council referred this proposal back to the department for revision of the required honors work for H-designated courses.
- **Proposal to revise GPA requirements in Business Honors.** The Honors Council approved this proposal.
- **Proposal to revise Honors in Religious Studies.** The Department will study further models, and revise the proposal accordingly.
- **Proposal to revise course descriptions HIST 4797 and 4799.** (The Honors Council approved this proposal.
- **State of Honors Programs Survey** The Honors Council is distributing qualitative surveys to Honors Program Directors, Honors Faculty, and Honors Students. Results and possible recommendations will be discussed in next month's meeting.
- **Early Entry MA/Honors thesis credit.** The Honors Council is investigating how Early Entry MA candidates may also participate in Honors as the currently policy makes the programs incompatible with each other.
- **Undergraduate Research Conference judges.** The Council invites Honors Faculty and advanced graduate students to participate as judges in the upcoming Undergraduate Research Conference on April 22. Interested parties should contact Dr. Erik Byker.