

## Digest Honors Council Meeting March 22, 2018

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

- **Minutes February 22, 2017:** The Council approved the minutes.
- **Revision Honors Program Policy:** The Honors Council discussed and approved a revision of the Honors Program policy. The latter will broaden the scope and responsibility of the Honors Council in reviewing learning outcomes and making recommendations to the quality of honors education and policy; as well as to conduct an annual review of the performance of the Executive Director of the Honors College. The policy also defines the role of the Honors College within Honors education at UNC Charlotte. Finally, the policy updates and clarifies language to the candidacy to honors process to bring it in line with current practices.
- **Honors Council Elections:** The Council reviewed the nomination and election procedure for the upcoming elections.
- **Nominations/Renewals to Honors Faculty:** The Honors Council charged the Honors College with soliciting Honors Faculty nominations/renewals. The Council formed a subcommittee to review submitted nominations for approval by to the full Council in April.
- **Early Entry MA/Honors Thesis Credit:** Early MA students may take up to twelve hours of 5000 level and 6000 level courses, and count these as dual credit for their completion of their undergraduate degree. As the Honors College has not currently sanctioned the use of grad level credit for honors thesis, this forces students to forgo honors in favor of MA credit. Given the complexity of this issue and the need of consultation with all parties involved, the Council decided to discuss this matter in the next term.
- **Outcomes Honors Director/Faculty/Student Survey:** The Council will discuss the outcomes of the surveys, and the actionable issues at its next meeting.