

## **Digest Honors Council Meeting September 14, 2017**

In attendance: Oscar Larsen (Chair), Vanessa Drew-Branch, Erik Byker, Carol Swartz, Mark Pizzato, Heather Smith, KR Subramanian, Charisse Coston, Akin Ogundiran, Milind Khire, Malin Pereira, and Shannon Zurell-Carey.

- **Election Chair:** The Council re-elected Oscar Larsen to Chair.
- **Minutes May 11, 2017:** The Council approved the minutes.
- **Honors Council Elections:** The 2017-2018 election ballots for the Honors Council allowed in several instances both non-honors faculty to stand for election, and non-honors faculty to vote. With the assistance of Faculty President-elect Rich Leeman, new elections were held in the affected units. The Honors Council will meet with University Governance officials to explain the honors council election process and to ensure proper balloting for next year's election.
- **Support for Honors Directors:** The Council heard a report on widely differing expectations for, and support of honors directors across the academic units. The Council discussed the issue and will form a task force to create a uniform set of expectations, and implement a peer-mentoring program to more effectively support Program Directors.
- **Comprehensive Program Review:** The Honors Council will conduct a comprehensive inventory and review of the state of honors programs at UNC Charlotte. This review will allow the Council to identify best practices in a variety of program parameters, as well as identify areas that could benefit from additional institutional support.
- **State of the Honors College:** The Council heard a report on the promising growth in the number of honors programs and students graduating with honors; as well as the current challenges for further expansion.