

Digest Honors Council Meeting October 20, 2016

In attendance: Erik Byker (for Charisse Coston), Cherese Childers-McKee, Vanessa Drew-Branch, Jim Frakes, Paul Fitchett, Yogendra Kakad, Oscar Larsen (Chair), Taghi Mostafavi (for KR Subramanian), Malin Pereira (ex officio), Sarah Reigel, Heather Smith, Carol Swartz, Stefani Thachik, and Gretchen Bagley (for Shannon Zurell-Carey).

Absent: Murray Webster.

Guests: Ted Amato, Lisa Walker, Beth Whitaker

- **(Re)Election Chair Honors Council:** Alternate representatives of the Honors Council cannot serve as Chair unless they permanently replace the main representative. Faculty President Lisa Walker stipulated that council chairs no longer need to be tenured members of the faculty. The Honors Council elected Oscar Larsen to serve as Chair.
- **Minutes September 15, 2016:** The Council approved the minutes.
- **Changes to the Business Honors Program requirements:** The Honors Council approved this proposal with amendments.
- **Capstone Courses for the Political Science Honors Program:** The Honors Council approved this proposal.
- **Social Work Honors Program proposal:** The Honors Council reheard and approved this proposal with amendments.
- **Enforcement of Honors GPA's:** Malin Pereira reported that an audit had revealed that quite a few honors candidates have not maintained the minimum GPA as required by their respective programs. Upon discussion, the Honors Council agreed that the primary responsibility for enforcement lies with the program directors. The Honors College will send out a reminder prior to priority registration so program directors can report which candidates are no longer eligible for honors registration.
- **Honors College Program Assessment:** Currently the Honors College only assesses the University Honors Program (UHP) on a regular basis. The Honors College has formed a task force to develop Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) applicable to all honors programs. The Honors Council reviewed a working draft and advised that one SLO should be reserved for each individual honors program as to best integrate the diverse program objectives and outcomes in a meaningful way.