

## **Digest Honors Council Meeting October 19, 2017**

In attendance: Oscar Larsen (Chair), Vanessa Drew-Branch, Carol Swartz, Mark Pizzato, KR Subramanian, Charisse Coston, Amy Good, Cherese Childers-McKee, Daniella Del Pra, Ryan Detig (student rep), Malin Pereira, and Shannon Zurell-Carey. Absent - Carol Swartz, Heather Smith, and Milind Khire.

- **Honors Faculty Appointment:** The Council appointed Vanessa Drew Branch to honors faculty.
- **Minutes September 14, 2017:** The Council approved the minutes.
- **Comprehensive Program Review:** The Council defined subcategories for a multi-dimensional comprehensive inventory and review it will conduct 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.
- **Qualifications of and Support for Honors Directors:** The Council discussed draft guidelines for the selection and support of qualified program director candidates, to assure efficacy and continuity in honors governance and support. The Council will discuss implementing a voluntary peer-mentoring/support program for Program Directors in its next meeting.
- **Faculty Honors Course Recruitment:** The Council discussed strategies how to increase the participation of faculty in university honors teaching across all colleges. There is a direct need for exemplary faculty to teach honors sections of general education courses as well as honor-specific topics courses. Please contact Cherise Childers-McKee for further information.