

Honors College Council

Annual Report 2019-2020

Membership

Kate Hunter-Zaworski, Chair '20	College of Engineering
Viktor Bovbjerg '20	College of Public Health & Human Sciences
Jason McCarley '20	College of Liberal Arts
Jillian Saint Jacques '20	College of Liberal Arts
Inara Scott '20	College of Business
Bob Mason '21	College of Science
Tiah Edmunson-Morton '22	University Libraries

Student Members:

- Nya Imani Buckner
- Alex Grejuc

Ex-Officio Member – University Honors College – Toni Doolen

Executive Committee Liaison – Selina Heppell

Standing Rules

The Honors College Council has jurisdiction over the policies and procedures of the Honors College and advises the Honors College Dean. The Honors College Council is responsible for admission and other academic requirements including degree requirements; criteria for selection of the members of the Honors Faculty; maintenance and regular assessment of program quality; and the curricular structure and content of the Honors College.

The Honors College Council consists of at least six current or former Honors College Faculty members and at least two Students, the students appointed from among the Honors College students.

Administration of the Honors College rests with the Dean, who shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Honors College Council

Summary

The Honors College Council was reactivated in Fall 2019 after a three-year hiatus, and met for the first time January 17, 2020. As stated in the Standing Rules, the Council is advisory to the Honors College Dean and provides a link between the Faculty Senate leadership and the Honors College leadership. The Council is focused on academic-related policies and procedures of the Honors College.

The main activity of the Council this year was the review of several changes that the Honors College would like to make for contract courses and Honors College admission procedures. In addition, the Council reviewed and discussed the final draft of the new Honors College Strategic Plan. The Council worked in partnership with the Honors College leadership to review and provide suggestions for minor clarifications related to the Honors College draft Strategic Plan.

The April 14, 2020 meeting was held as a Zoom meeting, and the major topic of discussion were changes in the admission process. The Honors College has already implemented a test-optional admission process.

Future Membership

All current members of the Honors College Council would be appropriate chairs for next year. It's recommended to ask Michael Burgett, a long-serving Honors College instructor and mentor, to serve on the Honors College Council. Representation on the Council is suggested from colleges that are underrepresented in the Honors College.

The student members of the Honors College Council were significant contributors to the discussion.