

## University Honors College Council

Annual Report 1997-98

### REPORT FOR JULY 1997- JUNE 1998

**Committee Members:** Faculty - Lynda King, Carl Kocher, Anita Helle, Mary Jo Nye, Alan Sugawara, Ken Williamson. Students: Kevin Pardew, Kyle Shaver. Chair: Mary Alice Seville. UHC Director: Jon Hendricks, ex officio.

**Committee Objectives:** The UHC Council has jurisdiction over the policies and procedures of the University Honors College. It consults with and advises the UHC Director on a regular basis. Primary responsibilities of the Council are student admissions and retention criteria, degree requirements, criteria for selection of Honors College faculty, assessment of program quality, and the curricular structure and content of UHC courses.

The Council met each of the three terms according to an agenda designed to meet the responsibilities above.

**Fall Term 1997.** The Council reviewed the 1996-97 year-end report presented and discussed by UHC Director Hendricks. The challenge of matching the honors course distribution to majors of the Honors College Students was discussed. The new head advisor, Jane Siebler, was introduced. Procedures for the review of applications to the Honors College were revised.

**Winter Term 1998.** Revised the standing rules on Council membership at the request of the Committee on Committees. Revisited the need for more honors courses. Discussed the qualifications of Honors College Faculty. OSU retired faculty will be eligible to be Honors College Faculty.

During fall and winter Council members played a key role in reading and evaluating 830 individual student applicant files for Fall 1998 admission.

**Spring Term 1997.** Reviewed the new promotional materials for the College. The 1998-99 Course Schedule and faculty makeup was reviewed. The breadth and quality of coursework available was reviewed. The challenge of matching honors course distribution to majors of the Honors College Students was again discussed. An informational presentation on the Countdown to College program was made.