

## University Honors College Council

Annual Report 1999-2000

### REPORT FOR JULY 1999- JUNE 2000

**Committee Members:** Anita Helle, Carl Kocher, Lynda King, Bill Bogley, Lani Roberts, Jim Liburdy (Chair), UHC Dean: Jon Hendricks, ex officio, and three student members from the University Honors College.

**Committee Objectives:** The UHC Council has jurisdiction over the policies and procedures of the University Honors College. It consults with and advises the UHC Dean 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 during the Fall and Winter terms according to an agenda designed to meet the responsibilities above. Minutes from these two meetings are attached. Below is a summary of the business conducted.

**Fall Term 1999.** The Council reviewed and discussed the Board of Readers needed for the upcoming year's essay reviews. Readers were to include faculty across campus, not just Council members. The International Baccalaureate degree admissions criteria were discussed. A model was accepted by the Council. Fee reimbursement policy was discussed and decided that no fee reimbursement is allowed after two weeks into the term. Discussion was undertaken as to means to increase course offerings, especially in underrepresented colleges. Lastly, there was discussion as to ways to increase funding to the University Honors College.

**Winter Term 2000.** New essay questions were discussed with a consensus that diversity and "intellectual life" were decided to be addressed. A Winter Term policy for admissions was decided not to be implemented. It was agreed that distributed enrollment over the various colleges should not be linked to admissions. Further discussion was undertaken concerning new course development. Lastly, the Dean informed and advised the Council on fund raising efforts.