

#### **Section 4: Honors Program Committee -ORIGINAL**

The purposes of the committee shall be to:

- A. Oversee all phases of the University Honors Program; and
- B. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the University Honors Program, including:
  - i. Elaborating and reviewing the requirements for admission to the Honors Program;
  - ii. Formulating the Honors Program Curriculum;
  - iii. Developing standards of achievement for continuance in the Honors Program; and
  - iv. Formulating the fiscal budget for the Honors Program.

The committee shall have seven voting members: five members of the Faculty (one elected from each school and one elected from the library) serving 3-year staggered terms; and the two principal student officers of the organization composed of participants in the Honors Program. The Director and Associate Director of the Honors Program shall be non-voting ex officio members. The Director of Admissions or his/her designee shall be a non-voting, ex officio member. Should an elected faculty member not be the Designated Senator, a non-voting Designated Senator shall also serve on the committee. The committee shall elect its chairperson annually.

#### **REVISIONS approved by the Honors College Committee on October 10 by unanimous vote**

(Proposed revisions are highlighted in yellow)

#### **Section 4: Honors College Committee**

The purposes of the committee shall be to:

- A. Oversee all phases and programs within the Honors College; and
- B. Formulate and approve the Honors College Curricula, including:
  - i. Advising upon and assisting in academic program review.
- C. Serve in an advisory capacity to the Dean of the Honors College, including:
  - i. Elaborating on and reviewing the requirements for admission to the Honors College;
  - ii. Developing standards of achievement for continuance in the Honors College;
  - iii. Advising upon and reviewing the fiscal budget for the Honors College; and
  - iv. Evaluating student scholarship, award, and grant applications, as appropriate.

The committee shall have seven voting members: five members of the Faculty (one elected from each school and one elected from the library) serving 3-year staggered terms; and two principal officers of the Honors Student Association, or designees. The Dean and Faculty Director(s) of the Honors College shall be non-voting, ex officio members. The Director of Admissions or his/her designee shall be a non-voting, ex officio member. A member of the Honors College Advisory Board shall be a non-voting, ex officio member. Should an elected faculty member not be the Designated Senator, a non-voting Designated Senator shall also serve on the committee. The committee shall elect its chairperson annually.

RATIONALE STATEMENT: The Honors College Committee proposes the changes to the bylaws highlighted above for three main reasons. First, since the Honors Program transitioned to an Honors College in the Fall 2016 semester, it was necessary to change the language in the bylaws to reflect that change. Secondly, the changes to the bylaws reflect the tasks that the committee currently does, specifically evaluating student scholarship, grant and award application when appropriate and expands on their increased role in curriculum approval. Finally, the requested changes to the make-up of the committee were included to ensure participation of students on the committee and to allow for input from a member of the new Honors Advisory Board. The Honors Advisory Board will be comprised of alumni and local community members, in keeping with the practice across campus.