

Minutes
University Honors Advisory Council
2 November 2015
9-10.30am
Provost's Conference Room

Present: Bell-Werner, M.; Berger, C.; Crk, I.; Hecht, K.; Omondi, L.; Shustrin, K.;
Smallman, I.; Voss, E.; Ruckh, E. (Chair)

Guests: Retzlaff, B.; Toberman, I.; Zamanou-Erickson, S

I. Approval of Minutes

A. 21 September 2015

Motion of approval by Berger; seconded by Hecht. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 28 September 2015

Motion of approval by Berger; seconded by Hecht. Motion carried unanimously.

C. 5 October 2015

Motion of approval by Berger; seconded by Hecht. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Updates (from discussion with Faculty Senate and Interim Provost)

III. Discussion of proposed modification of 1R2 (VII.A): Exceptions and Appeals

The Council discussed a minor modification to the proposed 1R2, involving clarification of requests to exceptions to the honors curriculum; the modification was approved. The director will insert the language into the policy language that is before the Curriculum Council of the Faculty Senate.

A larger discussion about the size of incoming cohorts was opened. The Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of sizes of cohorts: 50/100/150. From discussion, the Council believes that the aim should be to balance a number of honors students that can meaningfully help the university's first-second year retention rates and 4-6 graduation rates with what is feasible given the shifting fiscal constraints on the university over the coming years.