UCHP Annual Report: 2013-2014

Topics covered by UCHP this year:

1. The primary topic for fall and spring was the 5 year review of the Dean of the Honors College, Cynthia Jackson-Elmore.

2. In the fall meeting of UCHP, we also discussed the following issues.

   - The Dean updated UCHP on the Euro Scholars program, a freshman seminar abroad in Cuba, work on an Honors college opportunity in South Africa, and the Academic Scholars program.

   - We then discussed in more depth research seminars for Honors college students and strategies for getting more faculty involved.

3. In the spring meeting of UCHP, we also discussed the following issues.

   - Should there be a minimum grade requirement for honors option courses? That is, should students have to get a 3.0 in the course to get honors option credit. There was a lot of discussion on this point with no clear resolution.

   - Do we want a time limit for completion of an honors option? The suggestion was to basically follow the same time limit for making up an incomplete.

   - Do we want to require a minimum number of credits for an honors option course? Should they only be available for 3 credit courses? Note that music would likely be an exception if this requirement is made.

   - I provided this information to Tom Wolff, Daina Briedis, and Amanda Idema who gave me their thoughts which I then passed back to Dean Jackson-Elmore.

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