

To: Faculty Senate Steering Committee

From: James Mathes, Director, University Honors Program

Re: Honors Policy Committee and Honors Program Report 2013-2014

Date: May 2014

CC: Don Latham, Chair, Honors Program Policy Committee

Section I. 2013-14 Overview and Initiatives

- A 23% increase in honors enrollment for Fall 2013 resulted from a large number of highly qualified students in cohort 2 admissions. Target enrollment for Fall 2014 was 600 students. Actual enrolled is 545, which will allow a greater number of lateral admissions among freshmen at the end of Fall 2014 term. This is a positive trend, allowing more selectivity for entering students and more seats for interested students who perform well in first semester. With new honors course requirements (see below) specific honors enrollments targets are more critical than ever.
- The Honors staff completed a two-part report including a comparison of other Honors Programs, a multi-year review of the FSU Honors Program, and recommendations for curricular and programmatic changes and funding. The report supports the need for curricular enhancements, which the new Liberal Studies requirements will help meet in vital way.
- The Honors Policy Committee met in Fall 2014 to discuss implementation of new liberal studies requirements, specifically Honors E-series classes. The committee approved requiring two Honors E-series classes during the first two years for all FTIC honors students beginning Fall 2014. To allow the greatest range of choice for topics, students may also elect to take regular E-series classes with honors augmented components. These new courses and requirements are a highly significant addition to the honors curriculum, providing a wide range of writing intensive, special topics classes for *all* honors students. Forty Honors E-series classes, which will replace Honors Seminars, will be offered for Fall 2014-Spring 2015.
- The new Honors, Scholars and Fellows House on Landis Green opened in March of 2014. This provides meeting rooms for honors classes, many study spaces for students, a great room where special events and speaker series can be scheduled, and offices for Honors, OUR and ONF as well as graduate fellows. The impact of this space on recruitment and program development will be very significant and the building is a major addition to the FSU Honors Program.
- The Honors Student Association (HSA) just completed its 4th year, and continued efforts to engage students with several events in 2013-2014.. HSA members participated in

Down Syndrome Buddy Walk, Strides Against Breast Cancer, and Light the Night. Relay for Life, the 4th annual Brain Bowl, and the annual Honors Coffee House. The Honors Delegates remained active, participating in a recruitment weekend in the Fall and in five Preview events in the Spring.

- The Honors Policy Committee members, as before, helped review thesis awards applications Fall and Spring semesters, and Faculty Mentor Award Nominations in Spring semester.

Section II: Admission Outcomes/Financial Data with comparisons

FTIC Admission/Enrolled

	Regular Admits	Petition Admits	Total
Fall 2014	545	NA	545
Fall 2013	646	22	668
Fall 2012	475	52	542
Fall 2011	552	88	640
Fall 2010	751	60	811
Fall 2009	634	48	682
Fall 2008	485	118	603

Lateral Admission

Fall 2013/Spring 2014: 169 (out of 240)
 Fall 2012/Spring 2013: 168
 Fall 2012/Spring 2013: 111
 Fall 2011/Spring 2012: 185
 Fall 2010/Spring 2011: 206
 Fall 2009/Spring 2010: 425
 Fall 2008/Spring 2009: 232

Honors Medallion Earners 2013-14 (Finishers completed at least 18 honors credits; Honors in the Major students completed an honors thesis.)

Summer 2013: 33 (17 Finishers, 16 HITM)
 Fall 2013: 50 (21 Finishers, 29 HITM,)
 Spring 2013: 297 (149 Finishers, 148 HITM,)
Total: 380 (26% increase 12-13= 301; 11-12= 285 last year)

Honors in the Major Completed (2013 – 2014)

Summer 2013: 16
 Fall 2012: 29
 Spring 2014: 148
Annual Total: 193 (29% increase--150 and 162 previous two years)

Bess Ward Endowed Fund for Honors: Disbursements

Travel Scholarships 2013-14

Summer 2013 \$4500 (9)
 Fall 2013: \$2000 (2)
 Spring Break: \$2500 (10)
 Spring 2014: \$2000 (2)

Total: \$11000

(12-13 \$15500 ; 11-12 \$16000 10-11 \$29000; 09-10 \$19,500; 08-09 \$32,000;

Thesis Grants 2013 – 2014

Fall 2013: 34 \$18995
 Spring 2014: 15 \$9322
 Total: 49 \$28317

(12-13 \$32241; 11-12 \$19,774.63; 10-11 \$22,248; 09-10 \$26,320; 08-09 \$20,175)

Honors in the Major Mentor Awards Two faculty members @ \$2,000 each \$4,000 to Professor Pamela Keel (Psychology) and Professor Jonathan Dennis (Biological Sciences).

Undergraduate University Honors Program: Admission Data 2011-14

Cohort 1

	2014 May	2013 May	2012 June	2011 May
Total Invited Students (R) (total eligible)	3152 (60 P) P=Petition Apps Cohort 1=2849 Cohort 2= 243	3,687 (72 P) Cohort 1=2902 Cohort 2=785	3,141 (87 P) Cohort 1= 2669 Cohort 2 = 365	3177 (88 P) Cohort 1 = 2796 Cohort 2 = 381
Enrollment Forms Received (regular admits)	1423 (45%)	1130 (31%)	912 (29%)	1060 (33+%)

Accepted Active Students (Honors Decision A)	545 (38%--545/1425) (17.3%--545/3153)	668 (646+22 (59%) (18%)	527 (475+52P) (58%) (16.78%)	640 (552+88P) (60+%) (20+%)
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