

**To: Karen Laughlin, Dean of Undergraduate Studies**

**From: James Mathes, Director, University Honors Program**

**Re: Honors Program Report 2012-2013**

**Date: May 2013**

### **Section I. 2012-2013 Overview and Initiatives**

- A proposal to award honors ‘points’ toward the Honors Medallion for noteworthy activities outside of honors courses, approved by the Honors Policy Committee, was implemented in the Fall of 2012. Of the 18 credit hours required for the medallion, students may now earn an ‘honors credit’ (point) for conference presentations, completion of the GGSP with a research component, completion of a certificate with honors, or completion of 30 hours of community service.
- A proposal to strengthen retention requirements for the Honors Program, approved by the HPC, was implemented in the Fall of 2012. In addition to Colloquium, honors students must now enroll in at least one additional honors class by the end of year two, and another honors class by the end of year three. This is intended to increase participation in the honors curriculum.
- A proposal to require 10 hours of service per year of honors students approved by the HPC in the Spring of 2012. This requirement went into in effect for the incoming class in the Fall of 2012. Service hours will be tracked through the Servscript on student transcripts and will be part of their retention requirements; they will count toward honors points.
- 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 Honors Student Association (HSA) just completed its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and continued efforts to engage students with several events in 2012-2013. In Fall 2012, over 350 students attended the Big Welcome Event for all honors freshmen at the Student Service Center. All enjoyed food, games and dancing. HSA members participated in several walks for causes, including Down Syndrome Buddy Walk, Strides Against Breast Cancer, and Light the Night. Events in the Spring 2013 included participation in the Relay for Life, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 HSA Constitution was revised to improve the election process for new officers and more carefully spell out the use of HSA funds. Funds are now being used for

conference travel awards, guest speakers, awards receptions and other programmatic initiatives, including honors courses.

- A 23% increase in honors enrollment resulted from a large number of highly qualified students in cohort 2 admissions. Target enrollment for Fall 2014 is 600 students.

**Section II: Admission Outcomes/Financial Data with comparisons**

**FTIC Admission/Enrolled**

	Regular Admits	Petition Admits	Total
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 2012/Spring 2013: 111 (number who registered for Spring Colloquium)  
 Fall 2011/Spring 2012: 185 (number at Spring 2012 orientation)  
 Fall 2010/Spring 2011: 206 (number at Spring 2011 orientation)  
 Fall 2009/Spring 2010: 425 (number at Spring 2010 orientation)  
 Fall 2008/Spring 2009: 232 (number who registered for Fall Colloquium)

**Medallion Earners 2012-13**

Summer 2012: 19 (9 Finishers, 10 HITM)  
 Fall 2012: 42 (20 Finishers, 20 HITM, 2 both)  
 Spring 2013: 240 (122 Finishers, 95 HITM, 23 both)  
**Total: 301** (285 last year)

**Honors in the Major Completed (2012 – 2013)**

Summer 2012: 10  
 Fall 2012: 22  
 Spring 2013: 118  
**Annual Total: 150 [65 in Honors Program]** (84 last year)

**Bess Ward Expenditures**

**Travel Scholarships 2012-13**

Fall 2012: 9 @ \$1000 \$9,000

Spring 2013: 2 @ \$1000 \$2,000

Summer 2013 9 x \$500 \$4,500

Total=\$15500

(11-12 \$16000 10-11 \$29000; 09-10 \$19,500; 08-09 \$32,000; 07-08 \$12,500)

**Thesis Grants 2012 – 2013**

Fall 2012: 20 (16 full, 4 partial) = 16,081

Spring 2013: 22 (11full,11 partial) = \$16,160

Total =\$32, 241.47

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

**Conference Travel (HSA Funds)**

Fall 2011 \$2,980.63

Spring 2012 \$ 550.00

Total \$3,530.63

**Honors in the Major Mentor Awards** Two faculty members @ \$1,000 each \$2,000 (awards cut in half from previous years.)

**Undergraduate University Honors Program: Admission Data 2010-13**

Cohort	1			
	2013 May	2012 June	2011 May	2010 May
<b>Total Invited Students (R) (total eligible)</b>	3,687 (72P) Cohort 1=2902 Cohort 2=785	3,141 (87P) Cohort 1= 2669 Cohort 2 = 365	3177 (88P) Cohort 1 = 2796 Cohort 2 = 381	3,772 (66P) <hr/> Cohort 1= 2,78 Cohort 2= 922
<b>Enrollment Forms Received (regular admits)</b>	1130 (31%)	912 (29%)	1060 (33+%)	1,633 (43%)
<b>Accepted Active Students (Honors Decision A)</b>	668 (646+22) (59%) (18%)	527 (475+52P) (58%) (16.78%)  P=Petition applications	640 (552+88P) (60+%) (20+%)	

Total Net Admission

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Active Regular Admits Enrolled</b>	646	475	552	745	675	485	421
<b>Active Petition Admits</b>	(72/209) 22	(87/200) 52	(88/265) 88	66	47	118	159
<b>NET Admits</b>	668	527	640	811	722	603	580