Campuswide Honors Program Board
2014-15 Annual Report

To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:
The Campuswide Honors Program Board (CHPB) respectfully submits its report of activities for the academic year 2014-15

1. Council Operations

James Weatherall, Associate Professor of Logic and Philosophy of Science, chaired the Campuswide Honors Program Board in 2014-15. The Board held three regular meetings and one ad hoc meeting regarding proposed honors seminars during the year. The meetings were attended by 11 elected members of the faculty, and an Associated Students of UCI (ASUCI) representative. Ex Officio members are the Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education and the Director of the Campuswide Honors Program. The consultant is the Associate Director of the Campuswide Honors Program.

2. Divisional Issues/Policies

A. One of the duties of the CHPB is to endorse courses proposed to become part of the CHP Curriculum. The following CHP Research Seminars were approved by vote during an ad hoc meeting devoted to potential research seminars on February 25, 2015 (courses listed in order to be offered):

*Fall Quarter, 2015*
- Assoc. Professor John Manchak, Logic and Philosophy of Science, “What is Space?”
- Professor Kyle Stanford, Logic and Philosophy of Science, “Jurisprudence and Constitutional Law”
- Assoc. Professor Anita Casavantes, Chicano/Latino Studies, “Latino Childhoods”

*Winter Quarter, 2016*
- Assoc. Prof. Sarah Farmer, History, “Memory Across the Disciplines”
- Assoc. Prof. Tony Smith, Political Science, “Globalization and Human Security”

*Spring Quarter, 2016*
- Prof. Virginia Trimble, Physics and Astronomy, “The Impact of World War I on Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy, and Other Sciences”
- Assistant Professor Cailin O’Connor, Logic and Philosophy of Science, “The Philosophy and Biology of Sex”

The following CHP research seminars were approved the previous year, and will be offered in 2015-16:
- Assoc. Professor James Weatherall, Logic and Philosophy of Science, “What is Time?”
- Prof. Kyle Stanford, Logic and Philosophy of Science, “Scientific Realism and Instrumentalism”
B. The Selection of Incoming Freshmen to be Admitted to the Campuswide Honors Program (CHP)

Members of the CHPB review and select prospective freshman applicants for invitation to the CHP. The eventual goal is for the campus to recruit 200-250 new CHP freshmen for the fall. Each school establishes its own criteria for selection from the list. Students selected to be invited to the CHP receive communications from the program, and are invited to special recruitment events in April. As of May 11th, 259 students had submitted their statement of intent to register, which is a very good freshman yield (*CHPB meeting 12 May, 2015*).

C. Discussion Regarding CHP Resources and Growth of the Program

The Senate Review of the CHP in Spring, 2014 was highly positive, and also indicated that the program needs more support and additional resources, particularly that a third advisor should be funded by the university (*CHPB meeting 14 November, 2014*). Then Interim Dean of DUE, Michael Dennin visited the CHPB at this meeting and indicated his support for the advisor position (which has since been approved). He also indicated that DUE would propose to the Academic Senate that students who complete both the CHP and a school/major honors program receive “University Honors” on their transcript, in addition to “Campuswide Honors.” At this time the board also discussed creating closer ties between the CHP and school and major honors programs. Interim Dean Dennin discussed creating a website, to be hosted by DUE, that will clearly describe all honors offerings at UCI.

At the CHPB meeting on 12 May, 2015, Michael Dennin, Associate Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, and Dean of DUE, discussed with the board possible plans to grow the CHP. Board members touched upon issues related to selection, curriculum, housing, space, and communications. AVP and Dean Dennin indicated that issues related to growth will come before the board in the coming years, and that he has complete confidence in this group.

D. Election of the Chair for 2015-16

James Weatherall was elected unanimously to serve a second term as Chair of the CHPB for the next academic year.

(*CHPB meeting 12 May, 2015*)

3. Membership

James Weatherall, Chair, School of Social Sciences
Colleen Reardon, Claire Trevor School of the Arts
Eman Azizi, Ayala School of Biological Sciences
Carlton Scott, Merage School of Business
Joshua Lawrence, School of Education
R. Jay Jayakrishnan, Samueli School of Engineering
Andrej Luptak, Health Sciences
Catherine Benamou, School of Humanities
David Kay, Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences
Natalia Komarova, School of Physical Sciences
Victoria Basolo, School of Social Ecology
Victoria Nguyen, ASUCI student representative and CHP student

Ex Officio
Ted Wright, Director of the Campuswide Honors Program
Michael Dennin, AVP and Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education

Consultant
Lisa Roetzel, Associate Director of the Campuswide Honors Program