Campuswide Honors Program Board
2017-18 Annual Report

To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:
The Campuswide Honors Program Board (CHPB) respectfully submits its report of activities for the academic year 2017-18

1. Council Operations

Miyha Runnerstrom, Public Health, chaired the Campuswide Honors Program Board in 2017-18. The Board held three meetings during the year, one per quarter. The meetings were attended by 11 elected members of the faculty, and an Associated Students of UCI (ASUCI) representative. Ex Officio members are the Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning/Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education (VPTL) and the Faculty Director of the Campuswide Honors Program. The consultant is the Director of Administration of the Campuswide Honors Program.

2. Divisional Issues/Policies

A. One of the duties of the CHPB is to advise regarding the CHP curriculum, and to endorse courses proposed to become part of the CHP curriculum. The following proposals regarding curriculum were approved by the board:

a. Approved. CHP Faculty Director asked for a review of sunsetting CHP Seminars. The board approved the renewal of courses where the faculty wished to continue the course for another three-year term (See b5 below. Approved at meeting on October 30, 2017).

b. Approved. Proposed new CHP seminars to replace seminars that are ending. All proposed courses were approved by the board, as was the renewal of all sunsetting courses. New courses will go through the course approval process with CEP.

1. Ethics, Technology and Design (Prof. Tekinbas)
2. How Nations Remember (Prof. Biendarra)
3. Evolution, the Incredible Human Journey (Prof. Shariff)*
4. STEM Education in the 21st Century (Dr. Sato)*

*(Note: These two proposals were later withdrawn due to a change in plans of the instructors.)

5. Renewal of the slate of sunsetting courses taught by Professors Manchak, Weatherall, O’Connor and Barrett (Approved at meeting on October 30, 2017)

c. Approved. One-year renewal of Honors Chemistry requirement exception for Biological Sciences majors. Last year the board approved, for academic year 2017-18, that, given that Biological Sciences is developing and offering honors courses for CHP students, that CHP Biological Sciences majors not be required to take Honors Chemistry. For these students, Honors General
Chemistry will be encouraged but not required by CHP. In addition to Biological Sciences students, exemption from Honors General Chemistry as a CHP requirement may also be made available to Public Health and Undeclared students. (Renewal for 2018-19 approved at meeting on May 2, 2018)

d. Approved with edits. An additional CHP seminar, “What is Disease?” (Asst. Prof. Ross) was brought to the board and was approved with the provision that board members advise the applicant on additions to the curriculum and assessment to make the course an honors-level course. (Approved at meeting on May 2, 2018)

e. Upcoming for fall, 2018. CHP Faculty Director Ted Wright brought to the board’s attention that it is time to issue another call for proposals for CHP Seminars, and that additional seminars are needed. The board agreed that issuing a call to UCI faculty at the end of spring quarter for submission in the fall is a good timeline. (Discussed at meeting on May 2, 2018)

B. Another responsibility of the board is to determine admission to the program, and to set policies for admission.

a. Members of the CHPB review and select prospective freshman applicants for invitation to the CHP. Board members used a spreadsheet developed by CHP Faculty Director Ted Wright, which includes a parameters page where different items can easily be weighted, thus allowing board members to more easily customize their selection as they and their schools see fit.

b. The CHP is growing, and the goal for incoming freshmen in fall 2018 was 300-350 new CHP freshmen (same goal as 2017, which was an increase from the previous year). Accordingly the number of invitations to the program were the same as the previous year. Each school/academic unit 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 March and April. The CHP had a particularly large freshman yield this year. As of May 1, 2018, 588 prospective freshmen had submitted their statement of intent to register (SIR), compared to last year’s 451.

C. Name change for the Campuswide Honors Program to UCI Campuswide Honors College

a. Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning and Dean of DUE Michael Dennin visited the board to request approval of a name change for the program, given that efforts are taking place to transform the Campuswide Honors Program into an Honors College.
b. The University of California has degree granting colleges and another definition of the term that includes coherent academic experiences that do not grant a degree. The CHP is one of the latter—non-degree granting.

c. Dean Dennin stated that he wants to change the name now for the following reasons. Changing the name to UCI Campuswide Honors College:
   i. Elevates the prestige and visibility of the program
   ii. Aligns with what other major universities are doing and what students and parents expect
   iii. Helps facilitate conversations with donors about a naming gift opportunity and other major gift opportunities
   iv. Since we have developed two academic tracks and plan another in the future, the name college better reflects the scope of the organization

d. Approved. Miryha Runnerstrom called for a motion to vote formally to change the name from the UCI Campuswide Honors Program to the UCI Campuswide Honors College. The motion was approved unanimously (Meeting of May 2, 2018).

D. Election of the Chair for 2018-19
   Miryha Runnerstrom was elected to serve as Chair of the CHPB for the next academic year. Given no additional self-nominations, or nominations of others on the part of board members, she was elected by acclimation. (Following meeting of May 2, 2018)

3. Membership
   Miryha Runnerstrom, Chair, Health Sciences
   Amy Bauer, Claire Trevor School of the Arts
   Zeba Wunderlich, Ayala School of Biological Sciences
   Siew Hong Teoh, Merage School of Business
   Deborah Vandell, School of Education
   Jasper Vrugt, Samueli School of Engineering
   Catherine Benamou, School of Humanities
   Eric Mjolsness, Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences
   Gregory Weiss, Physical Sciences
   Ana Muniz, School of Social Ecology
   Ivan Jeliazkov, School of Social Sciences
   Zayn Suhale, ASUCI student representative and CHP student

Ex Officio
   Ted Wright, Faculty Director, Campuswide Honors Program
   Michael Dennin, Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning and Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education
Consultant
Lisa Roetzel, Director, Administration, Campuswide Honors Program