

## **Campuswide Honors Program Board 2013-14 Annual Report**

### **To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:**

The Campuswide Honors Program Board (CHPB) respectfully submits its report of activities for the academic year 2013-14

#### **1. Council Operations**

Melanie Cocco, Associate Professor of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, chaired the Campuswide Honors Program Board in 2013-14. The Board met three times during the year. The meetings were attended by ten elected members of the faculty, an Associated Students of UCI (ASUCI) representative, the Director of the Campuswide Honors Program, and 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 proposed and approved by vote:**

Professor Kyle Stanford, Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, “The Philosophy of Law,” (*CHPB meeting 15 November, 2013*)

Assistant Professor James Owen Weatherall, Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, “What is Time? Perspectives from Physics, Philosophy, Fiction, and Film,” (*CHPB meeting 15 November, 2013*)

Professor Kyle Stanford, Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, “Scientific Realism and Instrumentalism.” (possibly for the 2014-15 academic year) (*CHPB meeting 13 May, 2014*)

**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 180-200 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. While the usual number of prospective freshmen were invited to join the CHP, this year’s recruitment yield of 271 students was the largest to date and represented a 30% increase over typical annual freshman yields. (*CHPB meeting 17 January, 2014*)

**C. Change of Application Deadlines for Current UCI Students**

CHP Director Ted Wright brought to the board a request to endorse the change of application deadlines to the CHP for current UCI students. Current students may apply to join the CHP if they have a minimum GPA of 3.5, with the deadline of winter quarter of the third year. Unfortunately some students are delaying their application to the CHP to minimize the number of CHP courses that they will have to take. Ted Wright requested that the deadlines be moved up so that admitted students are able to take required CHP courses. Following discussion, the board voted to make the following changes to the application deadline:

- Students who entered UCI as freshmen: Week 5 of Winter Quarter of the second year (sophomore year)
- Transfer students: Week 5 of Winter Quarter of their first year at UCI

*(CHPB meeting 13 May, 2014)*

#### **D. Report on the Academic Senate 10-year Review of the CHP**

This year the CHP underwent external review by the Academic Senate. The CHPB, led by Chair Melanie Cocco, participated by reviewing a draft of the CHP's self-study and by meeting with external reviewers. The CHP response to the review and Chair Melanie Cocco's response will be submitted to the CEP.

In a summary to the CHPB, CHP Director Ted Wright stated that he thought the external review was an excellent one. It endorsed that the CHP is instrumental in recruiting top students to UCI. In addition, it affirmed that the CHP does a really good job, once students get here. The reviewers were positive about the community of scholars and the CHP's academic advising. They also likened the CHP to a laboratory that generates important programs and ideas for the campus. Both the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program and the Scholarship Opportunities Program initially started in the CHP. The reviewers were also positive about the CHP's work to increase diversity and urged that it be continued. Concerns articulated by the reviewers included the need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> academic advisor, a recommendation to increase coordination among the Social Science Core courses and Science Core Courses, concern regarding the historical funding model for the program, the need for the CHP Director and relevant staff to be included on relevant university-wide committees, visibility both inside UCI and in the greater community, and issues as to how the CHP and School Honors Programs interrelate. In addition, the review addressed the need for additional merit scholarships at UCI.

*(CHPB meeting 13 May, 2014)*

#### **E. Election of the Chair for 2014-15**

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

*(CHPB meeting 13 May, 2014)*

### **3. Membership**

Melanie Cocco, Chair, Ayala School of Biological Sciences

Ceclila Sun, Claire Trevor School of the Arts

David Hirshleifer, Merage School of Business  
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  
Jack Xin, School of Physical Sciences  
James Weatherall, School of Social Sciences  
Jodi Quas, School of Social Ecology  
Daniel Ho, ASUCI student representative and CHP student

Ex Officio

Ted Wright, Director of the Campuswide Honors Program  
Sharon Salinger, Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education

Consultant

Lisa Roetzel, Associate Director of the Campuswide Honors Program