

Campuswide Honors Program Board 2016-17 Annual Report

To the Irvine Divisional Assembly:

The Campuswide Honors Program Board (CHPB) respectfully submits its report of activities for the academic year 2016-17

1. Council Operations

Natalia Komarova, Professor of Mathematics, chaired the Campuswide Honors Program Board in 2016-17. 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 the board for endorsement to move forward with a new curricular track, ideally to be offered starting in fall quarter, 2017. The track is called “Sustainable Societies” and will be offered to second and third year CHP students. The sequence consists of four courses over six quarters, with two of the courses being two quarters long. They are designed to fulfill GE requirements in Science and Technology (II), Social and Behavioral Sciences (III) and Quantitative, Symbolic and Computational Reasoning (V). The courses are being designed by faculty committees, under the general themes of (Year 1) Health Issues; Environmental Issues (Year 2) Social Issues; Cities. The courses will also include project-based learning. (Approved at meeting on November 9, 2016)
- b. Approved. Proposed Sustainable Societies track course syllabi, and inclusion of this track in the CHP curriculum. Members read and approved course syllabi in the Sustainable Societies: “Critical Analysis of Health Science Literature”; “Environmental Issues”; “Social Issues.” (These courses were then subject to the approval process through CEP. Faculty are still at work on designing the 4th course.) In addition, the board approved the inclusion of the Sustainable Societies track as part of the CHP curriculum. (Approved at meeting on January 13, 2017)
- c. Approved. Given the unusually large CHP freshman yield this year, the third meeting of the year included a discussion of Honors General Chemistry

enrollment, which will be impacted by the large incoming CHP freshman class. Honors General Chemistry is currently required of all CHP students who are required by their major to take General Chemistry. The Department of Chemistry has indicated that they can accommodate a maximum of 100 students in this course due to the limited availability of lab space. At the same time, the School of Biological Sciences has developed an honors sequence for their major courses, beginning in freshman year. The board approved, for academic year 2017-18, that Biological Sciences students be required to take the Bio Sci honors sequence as their CHP requirement. For these students, Honors General Chemistry will be encouraged but not required by CHP. In addition to Bio Sci students, exemption from Honors General Chemistry as a CHP requirement may also be made available to Public Health and Undeclared students. (Approved at meeting on May 31, 2017)

- d. Upcoming for fall, 2017. CHP Faculty Director Ted Wright brought to the board's attention that it is time to issue another call for proposals for CHP Seminars. Many of the current seminars will sunset in the coming academic year (after being offered for three years.) 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 31, 2017)

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. This year CHP Faculty Director Ted Wright created a new spreadsheet for the board that adds 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 is for the campus to recruit 300-350 new CHP freshmen for the fall. Accordingly an increased number of invitations to the program will be offered. 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 April. The CHP had a particularly large freshman yield this year. As of May 1, 2017, 451 prospective freshmen had submitted their statement of intent to register (SIR), compared to last year's 243.

C. Election of the Chair for 2017-18

Miryha Runnerstrom was elected to serve as Chair of the CHPB for the next academic year. (Electronic vote following meeting of May 31, 2017)

3. Membership

Natalia Komarova, Chair, School of Physical Sciences

Colleen Reardon, Claire Trevor School of the Arts

Eman Azizi, Ayala School of Biological Sciences

Carlton Scott, Merage School of Business

Di Xu, School of Education

Jasper Vrugt, Samueli School of Engineering

Miryha Runnerstrom, Health Sciences

Catherine Benamou, School of Humanities

Eric Mjolsness, Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences

Victoria Basolo, School of Social Ecology

Ivan Jeliaskov, School of Social Sciences

Roxana Akbari, 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