

## **Campuswide Honors Collegium Board 2020-21 Annual Report**

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

The Campuswide Honors Program Board (CHPB) respectfully submits its report of activities for the academic year 2020-21

### **1. Council Operations**

Kai Zheng, Bren School of Information and Computer Science, chaired the Campuswide Honors Collegium Board in 2020-21. The Board held three meetings over the academic 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 Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning/Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education and the Associate Dean for Campuswide Honors. The consultant is the Director of the Campuswide Honors Program. Note that board members also spent considerable additional time with work related to admissions of students to the CHCB (see 2B below).

### **2. Divisional Issues/Policies**

- A. One of the duties of the CHCB is to advise regarding the CHC curriculum, and to endorse courses proposed to become part of the CHC curriculum.
  - a. There were no new courses proposed this year.
  - b. In the meeting of May 24, 2021, the CHC's policy of requiring that CHC students take 12 units for a grade each quarter was discussed. The CHC was flexible this year with the requirement, given UCI's P/NP grading during part of this academic year due to the pandemic. There is also a petition process where students can petition for exemptions. Associate Dean Ted Wright initiated the discussion, given the fact that more students are engaging in educational opportunities outside of the classroom, such as internships, and wondered if the policy should be altered to account for such opportunities. Proposed rewording of the policy was sent to the board following the meeting for consideration.
  
- B. Another responsibility of the board is to determine admission to the program, and to set policies for admission.
  - a. In the meeting of January 11, 2021, Ted Wright discussed the change at the UC level of no longer considering the SAT or ACT in admissions decisions. While these data points were part of the holistic review of prospective CHC freshmen, they had not been the primary data for selecting students since 2013. The goal for fall 2021 will be 325 incoming freshmen, which is an average sized freshman class. The CHC is limited as to the total number of students it can serve each year due to staff size.

- b. Members of the CHCB review and select prospective freshman applicants for invitation to the CHC. Also, in the meeting of January 11, 2021, Ted Wright demonstrated to Board members a spreadsheet that he has developed that includes a parameters page that facilitates holistic review, where different items can easily be weighted, thus allowing board members to more easily customize their selection as they and their schools see fit. This year Ted asked the board members, in collaboration with their schools, to determine what data would be most useful for them to have for the selection process, and this was included in each school's spreadsheet, respectively.
- c. Each school/academic unit establishes its own criteria for selection from the list. Students selected to be invited to the CHC receive communications from the program, and are invited to special recruitment events in March and April.
- d. At the meeting of May 24, 2021 Ted Wright presented the yield information. One of the charges of the Campuswide Honors Collegium is to recruit and yield outstanding students to UCI. As of May 1, 2021, 462 students had SIREd to UCI. This year's goal was 325 students. CHC students are asked to confirm that they are accepting their invitation to be in honors, and this year 301 accepted their invitation, while 161 declined. Most of those who declined will remain at UCI.
- e. Diversity in Admissions. The CHC was given the green light by Dean Michael Dennin in 2013, and the CHC has been growing and becoming more diverse without sacrificing academic standards. Holistic review of prospective CHC freshmen was implemented in 2013. This year's incoming class of freshmen shows continued growth in diversity, with 44.5% low income students (up from 24.5% in fall 2020), and 43.2% first generation students (up from 33.9% in fall 2020). 29.9% of this group identify as Latinx (up from 14.7% in fall 2020).

C. Election of the Chair for 2021-22

Charles Zender (Physical Sciences) was unanimously elected (Meeting of May 24, 2021).

**3. Membership**

Kai Zheng, Bren School of Information and Computer Science, Chair

Liz Glynn, Claire Trevor School of the Arts

Michael Parsons, Biological Sciences

Ming Leung, Merage School of Business

Yuqing Guo, Health Sciences

Shane Goodridge, School of Education

Mohammad Al Faruque, Samueli School of Engineering

Lucas Hilderbrand, School of Humanities  
Charles Zender, Physical Sciences  
Jenna Riis, School of Social Ecology  
Cailin O'Connor, School of Social Sciences  
Ellie Nagatomi, ASUCI student representative and CHP student

Ex Officio

Ted Wright, Associate Dean for Campuswide Honors  
Michael Dennin, Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning and Dean of the Division of Undergraduate Education

Consultant

Lisa Roetzel, Director, Campuswide Honors Program