

## Honors College, UNC Charlotte

### Structure and Election Process for Honors Council

- I) The Honors Council (formerly called the University Honors Council) functions as a standing committee of the general Faculty and reports to the Faculty Council., ~~but reports to the Office of the Provost.~~ The Honors Council advises the Dean of the Honors College who reports to the Provost. ~~serves as the Faculty advisory body to the Dean of the Honors College.~~
- II) The Honors Council shall consist of 13 members, elected as follows:
  - a) One member of the Honors Faculty elected by each of the seven Colleges, except the College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences (CHESS), which will elect two members.
    - i) One member from CHESS will be elected from the following Departments: Communication Studies, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Global Studies, History, Philosophy, and Political Science and Public Administration.
    - ii) One member from CHESS will be elected from the following Departments: Africana Studies, Anthropology, English, Geography & Earth Sciences, Languages & Culture Studies, Psychological Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology.
  - b) Three Faculty members will be elected at large from the Honors Faculty, two of whom represent the University Honors Program.
  - c) One undergraduate student who has completed at least 3 hours of honors coursework. This student will be appointed by the Dean of the Honors College.
  - d) There shall be an elected alternate for each faculty and student member.
- III) Nominees for the Honors Council may be any full-time faculty member (including full-time, non-tenure-track faculty) who is a member of the Honors Faculty.
- IV) All full-time members of the Honors Faculty (including full-time, non-tenure-track faculty) may vote for members of the Honors Council.
- V) Elected Representatives and Alternates on the Honors Council will serve a 2-year term, except the student member who will serve a one-year term. Each member, except the student member, may serve three consecutive terms. The student member may serve up to two terms. After three consecutive terms, a faculty member must not serve on the Honors Council for at least two years before standing for election again.
  - a) Staggered terms are used to ensure that historical knowledge among Honors Council members is retained and transferred each year. The two members from CHESS are

elected in alternate years and the two at large, UHP members are elected in alternate years.

*Historical Note: After the first election for the Honors Council, the newly elected members drew lots to determine that one-half of the members would serve an initial 2-year term and one-half of the members would serve an initial 1-year term, so staggered terms were established. The lottery was arranged so that the two members from CLAS [now called CHESS] were elected in alternate years.*

VI) The Honors Council will elect its own chair, within the term limitations specified in the Faculty Constitution (see Article VI, Section 6 of the Faculty Constitution). The Chair of the Honors Council must be a tenured member of the Honors Faculty (see Article II, Faculty Constitution).

VII) Elections for the Honors Council will take place in the spring. Members begin their terms in the following fall. Should a vacancy occur, the unexpired term shall be filled by the alternate. If a person serves more than one year of a term for which someone else was originally elected, that partial term shall be considered one of the two consecutive terms a person may serve.

VIII) A quorum of the Honors Council shall consist of a simple majority of the voting members of the Council. The affirmative vote of a majority of the total voting membership of the Council shall be necessary to take any action. The Chair of the Council votes only in the case of a tie.

IX) The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order (most recent edition) shall govern meetings of the Honors Council in all parliamentary situations not covered by this document nor by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

## **History**

**May 7, 2013:** Endorsed by Honors Council

**September 26, 2013:** Approved by Faculty Council

**October 24, 2019:** Revised [added new department and updated department names]

**March 13, 2024:** Revised [updated college and department names for CHESS. Added in 1 additional at-large member as approved by Honors Council]

**April 11, 2024:** Approved by Faculty Executive Committee

**January 17, 2025:** Revised [updated wording of first paragraph to be in line with the Academic Policy]