

Departmental Honors Program Council

Meeting: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

5:00 p.m., via Zoom

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Honors directors present: Matt Estep (Biology), Nicholas Shaw (Chemistry), Jennifer Gray (Communication), Stefan Frisch (Communication Sciences and Disorders), Mark Hills (Computer Science), Jennifer Kurtz (Exercise Science), Maggie Sugg (Geography and Planning), Cole Edwards (Geological and Environmental Sciences), Jessica Martell (GWSS/Global Studies/IDS), Michael Behrent (History), Eric Marland (Mathematical Sciences), James Sherman (Physics and Astronomy), Chris Holden (Psychology), Emily Dakin (Social Work), Rita Joyner (Sustainable Technology and the Built Environment), Paulette Marty (Theatre).

Honors College staff present: Vicky Klima, Heather Waldroup

Guest: Ashlea Green, Metadata Librarian, University Libraries

- I. Approval of minutes from February 5, 2025 (Stefan, Emily 2nd) – passes unanimously.
- II. Ashlea Green reviewed OpenAIR, the new institutional repository that will replace NC Docks:
 - a. Departmental Honors students will be able to include their theses in OpenAir (as they did previously in NC Docks).
 - b. Faculty members should consider two aspects: submission of theses and the benefits of sharing theses.
 - c. The submission process is still being finalized between the Library and the Honors College
 - d. Benefits of submission include digital preservation; worldwide access; becoming part of a collection of scholarly communication
 - e. All theses (and indeed anything included) will be required to have copyright.
 - f. The Honors College will update Departmental Honors Directors about the process when it has been finalized, release form updated, etc.
- III. Heather reminders:
 - a. Thesis submission: the Honors College only needs departmental honors theses if they are to be included in OpenAir; updated process is in progress; will update.

- b. Thesis defenses: the Honors College only needs to be made aware of thesis defenses from University Honors students.
- c. Medals for departmental honors students: Heather can send these; let her know where to send and how many. Engraving can be done at the Goldsmith (the Honors College is not able to provide this, but they can bill your department at \$15/medal).

IV. Adjournment (Cole, Eric 2nd).

Respectfully submitted for review this 24 March, 2025, by Heather Waldroup.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be April 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.