Report on the HHS Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

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Why Does the HHS Undergrad Committee Recommend So Many Changes to the HHS Curricula?

• Because we want our programs to be attractive to talented prospective students
• Because other departments change their courses
• Because we want to offer new opportunities to our students
Questions?
Report on the HHS Honors Programs Coordination Committee

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Thanks to the Faculty and Staff on the Committee This Year

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What’s New in the Honors College?

• The requirement for a capstone thesis/scholarly project in a student’s field of study has been changed to a requirement for a scholarly project (not necessarily a thesis or a senior-year project) that can be in the student’s home department, be interdisciplinary, or be a research/scholarly project approved by the Honors College (HC) dean. Thus, students have more flexibility.
New in the Honors College (cont’d)

• The added flexibility may increase the percentage of HC students in HHS who complete the requirements for an HC diploma (for this May it was 3 of 7 or 43% in HHS; it was 33 of 91 or 36% campus-wide).

• The new option gives us a chance to think about how many HC students we can handle in HHS; it’s been 30-40 per year.
HHS Honors Programs

• Unit-specific honors programs exist in Health Sciences, Human Development and Family Studies, Nutrition Science, and Psychological Sciences

• Many students in those programs were among the nearly 40 students or groups of students who presented posters at the campus Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium in mid-April. Thanks to the more than 20 HHS faculty who helped in judging the posters!
Questions?