

Proposed Changes to Honor Council Membership.

Reasons for Change: University students have full schedules with courses, activities, clubs, work and study. The current workload on Honor Council members (particularly undergraduate student members) to accomplish Case Review Board and Hearing Panel duties is unreasonable. Cases could be resolved much sooner if we had substantial volunteers for each Call.

Dr. Camilla Roberts, Honor Council Chair Kris Grinter and myself have developed this proposal. I received positive support from Faculty Senate President and Student Governance Association President. Also, the Dean's Council has been briefed on this proposal and I understand are supportive.

Proposal Details.

- Current composition. 32 students. 22 faculty/staff. 54 total.
- Proposed composition. 59 students. 29 faculty/staff. 88 total.

Proposed Membership Below in Parenthesis.

- 3 students representing the Associate Provost for Diversity
- 10 (20) graduate students representing the Graduate School Council
- 3 staff members representing the Dean of Students
- 2 (4) students and 2 faculty members representing the College of Agriculture
- 2 (4) students and 2 faculty members representing the College of Architecture, Planning, and Design
- 2 (4) students and 2 faculty members representing the College of Engineering
- 2 (4) students and 2 faculty members representing the College of Human Ecology
- 2 (4) students and 2 faculty members representing the College of Education
- 2 (4) students and 2 faculty members representing the College of Business
- 3 (6) students and 3 (4) faculty members representing the College of Arts and Sciences
- 4 students and 4 faculty members representing the College of Technology and Aviation

New Areas.

- (2) faculty/staff members representing IT Services
- (2) faculty/staff members representing the Libraries
- (2) students and (2) faculty/staff members representing the Vice-Provost for Undergraduate Studies

Benefits:

- Reduce work load on individual members (UG students have very little time available (graduate students carry a big portion of HC work load), faculty/staff members would welcome reduced work load as well)
- Reduce scheduling difficulties (I spend considerable time attempting to schedule Case Review Boards and hearings)
- Reduce efforts to seek full roster (with expanded roster some vacancies would be ok)
- Cases would likely be resolved sooner (I have recently had 2 month old cases unable to get started because Honor Council members to unable to take on another case)
- More potential to resolve cases quickly at end of semester for graduating students
- More members would have Honor Council experiences and would act as an ambassador back in their home departments
- Some new areas (Leadership studies, Libraries, IT Services, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies) that are not currently represented would have seats (Leadership Studies faculty have already identified volunteers to serve on HC)
- Graduate students are from all parts of campus (even some vet. students have served), they are full experienced students, they have more flexible schedules than undergrads and grad. Students often volunteer for duties. Doubling the number of graduate students on the HC would be very helpful in reducing pressure on undergraduate members to complete HC duties.

Costs:

- No financial costs associated with this change
- Potentially fewer HC members would have extensive experience
- More people to train