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Report of the Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee: Sections: 8.60.10 - 8.65.13 of the University Manual

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TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled __Report of the Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee: Sections: 8.60.10 - 8.65.13 of the University Manual__ is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on __May 13, 1982__.

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on __June 3, 1982__ (date), three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

   __May 14, 1982__
   Niels West
   Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.

2. a. Approved ____________.

   b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Regents ____________.

   c. Disapproved ____________.

   __February__
   President
The Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee has revised* those sections of the University Manual which concern the Honors Program in order to reflect the Honors Program legislation approved by the Faculty Senate in 1980 and amended in 1982. Most of the revised sections follow directly the language of the approved legislation. These sections are presented to the Faculty Senate for information. Proposed Manual sections 8.60.10-15 and changes in sections 4.40-4.43 of the Faculty Senate By-Laws have not been legislated previously and require approval by the Faculty Senate.

The Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee recommends the following:

1. That the Faculty Senate approve the proposed new sections 8.60.10-15 of the University Manual which appear as Part I of this report.

2. That the Faculty Senate approve proposed sections 4.40-4.43 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate which appear as Part III of this report.**

PART I: ACTION

Proposed Changes in Chapter 8

8.60.10 Honors Program: Objectives. The principal objectives of the Honors Program shall be:

8.60.11 To provide for the development and maintenance of an intellectual community of scholars, students, artists and interested faculty.

8.60.12 To provide intellectual excitement and reward to all participants, both students and faculty.

8.60.13 To provide for examination of and training in critical, creative and integrative thinking.

8.60.14 To provide students with opportunities to broaden their intellectual development and to become engaged in more sophisticated inquiry in their major fields of study than would normally be possible.

* We wish to acknowledge Mr. Demitroff's considerable contribution to the revision.

** Changes in the By-Laws require 2/3 majority vote and may not be voted upon at the meeting at which they are first moved.
8.62.11 Eligible students may participate at any level in the Honors Program. Students who wish to complete the program and receive the transcript notation must begin their participation no later than the beginning of the 3rd year in the undergraduate program. Students who enter the program at the 3rd year may register for a semester of the Honors Colloquium.

8.62.12 To participate in an honors project, a student must receive the endorsement of his/her respective department and academic dean.

8.63.10 Requirements. Students must complete at least 15 credits of course work in the Honors Program, and attain a GPA of 3.3 or better for these courses as well as a 3.0 GPA overall, in order to graduate with honors.

8.63.11 These courses shall include: (1) two semesters (6 credits) of work from courses offered in the 1st and 2nd years of the program including one semester (3 credits) of the Honors Colloquium; and (2) three semesters of work offered in the 3rd and 4th years of the program including one semester of 3rd year tutorial (3 credits) and two semesters of the 4th year honors project or special seminar (6 credits).

8.63.12 The Registrar shall enter on the transcript of students who meet requirements: "Completed the University Honors Program."

8.64.10 Program Direction and Development. The Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee shall be responsible to direct and develop the Honors Program.

8.64.11 It shall approve all courses offered in the Honors Program and the instructors for them. No faculty member shall be compelled against his/her will to teach in the Honors Program including the direction of honors projects.

8.64.13 It shall establish general standards for students' performance and productivity in Honors Program courses.

8.64.14 It shall conduct periodic evaluations of the effectiveness of the Honors Program and its separate components.

8.64.15 It shall review the specific programs submitted by participating departments and colleges. These reviews shall ensure that the separate programs meet the requirements of the Honors Program.

8.65.10 Department and College Responsibilities. University College advisers and the chairpersons of departments shall inform eligible students within University College and their departments respectively about the Honors Program.

8.65.11 Departments and colleges may develop specific programs which complement the Honors Program. Participating departments shall submit to the Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee descriptions of their separate programs for approval.

8.65.12 Neither departments nor colleges may establish requirements that prohibit eligible students majoring in their departments or colleges from participating in the Honors Program.