

To: Chair, Faculty Senate
From: Geoffrey Orth, Director of the Cormier Honors College
Re: Annual Report of Honors Advisory Committee

April 8, 2009

Summary of Action by the Honors Advisory Committee, 2008-2009

Members of the committee this year were:

- Colleen Barnes, student member;
- Raymond Brastow, faculty member representing CBE;
- Alix Fink, Assistant Director of the Cormier Honors College;
- Chene Heady, faculty member representing CCCAS;
- David Locascio, faculty member representing CEHS;
- Robert Markey, student member;
- Geoff Orth, Director of the Cormier Honors College;
- Larissa Smith Fergeson, faculty member representing CCCAS;
- Catherine Swandby, student member; and
- Gordon Van Ness, at large member.

The committee met periodically throughout the year.

The major actions of the committee were as follows:

- Hosted information sessions for the campus community to introduce the new Honors College.
- Proposed to the Faculty Senate a revised committee structure to expand faculty and student participation.
- Planned a major all-day Open House in February, at which students were given an overview of the Honors College, an opportunity to tour Wheeler Hall, and “mock” Honors class experience. All 41 prospective students in attendance also interviewed for a major merit-based scholarship award.
- Identified, in collaboration with colleagues across campus, candidates for three major scholarships: the Hull Education Scholars (7 awards, \$5000 per year for four years), the Cormier Citizen Scholars (4 awards, \$5500 per year for four years), and the Longwood Scholars (3 awards, \$3000+ per year for four years).
- Reviewed files for the Advanced Honors Scholarship, selecting rising junior John-Harwood Scott for a major award and rising juniors Jennifer Curfman, Ashley Steadman, Benjamin Bilodeau, and Emmilee Mizerak for smaller awards.