

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

April 16, 2007

Summary of Action by the Honors Advisory Committee, 2006-07

Members of the committee this year were Geoff Orth, honors director; Ray Brastow, COBE; Dave Locascio, COEHS; and Lee Bidwell and Lara Smith, CAS; student members were Jessica Laffoon and Jay Crowell.

The committee met regularly throughout the year.

The major actions of the committee were as follows:

- Planned open houses for prospective honors applicants, including a major all-day event in February, at which students were given an overview of the program and an opportunity to tour ARC and attend an honors class
- Completed work on a formalized and uniform process for the awarding of major scholarships, which included on-campus interviews for both Hull and Cormier Scholarships. Seven Hull Scholarships were offered, and the seven entering students receiving offers all accepted, while three Cormier Scholarships were offered, and all three will be accepted by the middle of April. Three Longwood Scholars were also named for the entering freshman class.
- Reviewed files for the Advanced Honors Scholarship, selecting rising juniors Jay Crowell, a major in French, and Rachel Price, a major in communications.
- Discussed the feasibility of establishing an honors college at Longwood, and with the encouragement of the Provost and the President, we will work toward completion of a draft plan in 2007-08.
- Reviewed the growth of the program, which will support the need for a larger honors living-learning community in Wheeler Hall beginning in the summer of 2007