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DOROTHY AND BILL COHEN
HONORS COLLEGE

Honors College Faculty Council

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February 14, 2020 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM | RSC 264

Honors College Faculty Council Discussion

Announcements

- Civic Engagement Event was February 13, 2020
- General Assembly will be held in February or April
- Tilford Symposium on February 27th and 28th
- URCA and GRASP are both open – deadline the end of April

Cohen Honors College Diversity Plan

- Changes to the Admissions criteria for the Honors College to be considered
- University of Oregon model – no GPA/ACT requirement
- Proposal to change the by-laws to remove minimum GPA/ACT requirement to a more holistic application process. To consider resumes, letters of recommendation, volunteer work.
- 400 applications are considered each year. There has been an increase in applications and acceptance in the Hispanic student population recently. The Honors College is closer to the same percentage as the general student population.
- There are no students on the admissions committee, but there are students on the scholarship committees.
- Next steps: Meet with the Wonder School; look at the University of Chicago and Creighton Med School grading.

First Year Honors Student Experience

- New Student Retreat and Orientation (HCSC/FHAB)
- We want incoming students to buy into being a part of the team.
- Suggest mapping out the journey.
- Have more than one point of contact.
- Engaging with local high schools.
- Have a zero-credit hour course that students would have to enroll in.

First Year Research Experience Update

- Pathways in – smaller experiences that invite students into Honors and higher impact experiences.