

.Faculty Senate Action Item

No. 10-17

Subject: Revision of Honors Advisory Committee

Justification: We are asking for a change in the composition of members serving on the Honors Advisory Board. Specifically, the current student make-up of the Honors Advisory Board does not reflect the wishes of the Honors Student Council as well as the make-up of similar committees at comparable universities. Other established Honors programs have an Honors Student Council. As of March 2010, we do too. Representatives from the student council serve the students' interests on a committee at the faculty/administrative level. We wish to see the same student interaction at Washburn University.

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Membership includes the Dean of University Honors, one Library faculty member appointed by the Director of Mabee Library, one faculty member representing each of the Schools, one faculty member from each division in the College, and three students involved in Honors appointed by the Washburn Student Association in consultation with the Honors Advisory Board.

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Financial Implications: None

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