

To: Susan Abbotson, Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
Fr: Spencer Hall, Director of Honors  
Re: Annual Report  
Date: 5/11/11

Dear Sue,

Although the College Honors Program is not a subcommittee of, nor does it report to, the Curriculum Committee, you did request that I inform you regarding any activities or actions in honors that might be of interest to the Committee. I am, of course, more than happy to comply.

The thing that first comes to mind is Departmental Honors. On May 3, the Honors Program sponsored a Poster Session and an Awards Dinner for students graduating with Departmental Honors. The events were successful but raised issues that I may ask the Curriculum Committee to consider next year. While the awarding of Departmental Honors is the responsibility of the respective departments, there does need to be some uniformity among departments in terms of reporting, due dates, library submissions of completed projects, and the like. At the moment, there seems to be a certain amount of confusion about such things. I will be in conversation with departments and will draft suggested guidelines over the summer. Also over the summer, I will complete the review of information on honors on departmental websites that I began this semester.

The other major item on the horizon is, of course, General Education. Once the college has adopted a new General Education Program, I will begin work on a revised General Education Honors Program to be submitted to the Curriculum Committee for its approval. I hope that that process can be completed by Spring, 2012.

If you or the Committee have any questions, concerns, or thoughts that you would like to share with me, or if you would like me to come to one of your meetings, I am always available and would be pleased to meet with you.

Best,  
Spencer