Committee Name: University Committee on Honors Program  
Chairperson: J. Estrella Torrez  
Meetings Held (Dates): 11/04/11; 11/30/11; 01/20/12; 03/26/12

1. Give a brief description of committee activities and/or issues discussed and actions taken/recommendations made and to whom.

UCHP meetings focused on advising the Honors College in issues related to Professorial Assistants, scholarships, diversity, and possible on-line courses. Additionally, conversations included ways in which the Honors College can communicate with units across campus. The committee also discussed possible guidelines for Honors Options. The range of courses offered throughout the university creates obstacles in creating guidelines.

2. Comment on matters pending before the committee and matters which should be considered in 2012-2013.

An issue left unresolved by the committee centered on diversity within Honors College students. While the college’s student population mirrors of the university-wide population, there are a number of qualified students-of-color that are unaware of the Honors College. Although the committee discussed guidelines for course Honors Options, particularly in formalizing guidelines at the Honors College level, guidelines were not outlined.

3. Comment on problems and/or issues that have made the work of the committee more difficult.

The direction provided by the Honor’s College dean was helpful. Even though we met a total of twice per semester, it was challenging to schedule meeting times conducive to committee members and the dean. Regardless of scheduling conflicts, I found that working with the committee was productive and helpful in understanding programs offered by the Honors College.

4. Please make any suggestions about how the academic governance system might be modified to improve the committee’s work.

I do not have any suggestions at this time.