

Changing the University of Delaware's Honors Program to the University of Delaware's Honors College

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware's Honors Program has enjoyed a rich 43-year history having grown from modest beginnings to currently engaging nearly 2,000 students representing seven colleges and roughly 10 percent of the University's undergraduate population; and

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware's Honors Program has evolved to provide a comparable program to peer institutions' honors colleges, and the designation of "Honors College" has become the national norm; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of the Honors Program to the Honors College will enable Honors to

- enhance the profile and prestige of the University of Delaware,
- better engage UD's most intellectually driven students,
- expand faculty engagement,
- foster diversity and inclusion,
- be on the same level as our competitor and aspirational institutions,
- enhance recruitment, retention, and quality of our students,
- serve as an incubator for innovative academic models,
- be more engaged in University-wide leadership conversations, and
- increase alumni engagement and provide a significant development opportunity to generate more resources; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an honors college has received support from the Honors Program Student Advisory Council, the Honors Program Faculty Board, and the Honors Program External Advisory Council; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends changing the University of Delaware's Honors Program to the University of Delaware's Honors College.