

# FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

**Remarks from Vice-President Alexander:** Dr. Alexander discussed two exciting academic developments: the transition of the Honors Program to an Honors College and the Creation and establishment of a School of the Arts within the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Honors Program which was established in 2005 has currently 315 students. There is a

Senator Statom moved to send the proposal to the Faculty Affairs Committee. Senator Renfroe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Proposal to revise the Academic Calendar to reflect a week off at Thanksgiving, eliminate Fall Break, and begin classes a day earlier:**

Senator Statom moved to postpone consideration of the proposal for at least a month to allow for discussions within our departments and to gather data related to accreditation requirements and the impact on Monday only classes as well as the Monday/Wednesday classes. Senator Franklin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed addendum to the current Travel Policy regarding lodging:**

Senator Statom moved the approval of the proposed addendum with the removal of the last sentence in the block “An exception may be made for graduate students who are both students and employees, pending approval from the appropriate Dean and/or Vice President.” and the replacement with the proposed addition “Exceptions may be granted in special circumstances with approval of the appropriate College Dean or Vice-President.”. Senator Harris seconded. The motion passed.

**Information Items:**

**Proposal for Freshman Military Commute Parking:**

Senator Infanger moved approval. Senator Stovall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Revised Graphics Standards:**

Bryan Rachal shared the new Graphics Standards and reported that a rebranding of the website will occur in January.

Senator Statom moved the meeting be adjourned. Senator Roden seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.