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The Committee on Scholarships and Honors met once during the 2014-2015 academic year and discussed other matters electronically.

The committee discussed the award nomination process and discussed better practices for future years. It was agreed that students would only require a minimum of one nomination from a faculty member, and that all student nominations must be accompanied by a list of their accomplishments.

The Committee on Scholarships and Honors received a request from the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Deans of Colleges with undergraduate programs to review the criteria for the Deans Honors List. The proposed bylaw change would change the requirements for the Deans Honors List to a minimum of 15 enrolled units, of which 12 or more are graded with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, with no grade of NC or I (incomplete). The Committee on Scholarships and Honors reviewed the proposed revision to Appendix 3A regarding the Dean’s Honor List. The Committee unanimously agreed that keeping the present Dean’s Honor List and Chancellor’s Honor List Standards is in the best interest of the students.

The committee oversaw the nomination process and selection for the Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement. Five valid nominations were received for the faculty awards and seven valid nominations were received for the student awards. The committee submitted to the Division the nominations of Professor Eugene Nothnagel, from the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, and Professor Joel Sachs, from the Department of Biology, for the 2014-2015 faculty Chancellor’s award. The nominations were approved at the May 19, 2015 meeting of the Riverside Division of the Academic Senate, at which time Professors Nothnagel and Sachs were presented with their awards. The committee selected Elma Frias, from the Department of Chemistry, and Nicole De Silva, from the Department of History, as the student recipients of the 2014-2015 Chancellor’s award.