ARTICLE X: THE HONORS COLLEGE

SECTION A: GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

The Honors College is a cross-disciplinary Undergraduate College (see Article IX) organized on a basis comparable to the Graduate College (see Article VIII). The Honors College is governed by an Honors Council whose members are elected by the Faculty serving in the Honors College. The Dean of the Honors College functions as its principal administrative officer.

SECTION B: THE SELECTION AND EVALUATION OF THE DEAN

As the Honors College is classified as an Undergraduate College (see Section A of this article) the selection and evaluation of the Dean of the Honors College shall be carried out as specified for Deans of Undergraduate Colleges in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

SECTION C: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEAN OF THE HONORS COLLEGE

The Dean shall be the administrative head of the Honors College and shall be responsible for the functions of the Honors College through the VPAA to the President and to the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the duties specified in X.A., X.D., and X.E.1.a), the Dean shall provide academic leadership and shall ensure that members of the Honors Faculty meet the requirements for membership as determined by the Honors College Council.

SECTION D: THE HONORS FACULTY

The Honors College Faculty shall be composed of academic department, school, and college faculty members who have been appointed as Honors Faculty as detailed below. Honors Faculty may be either tenure track or non-tenure track faculty. Honors Faculty have joint affiliation; their primary affiliation resides with their contractual academic unit.

Faculty members are nominated for Honors Faculty status by the Chair of the faculty member’s contractual department, program, or academic unit. The nominations then must be approved by the Honors Council, then by the Dean of the Honors College and the Dean of the faculty member’s home College. Honors Faculty status commences the semester during which the faculty member teaches one or more Honors courses and continues until the expiration of the third academic year following appointment.

Special appointments to the Honors Faculty may be made by the Dean of the Honors College in circumstances that merit them, such as the teaching of an Honors Course by a Visiting Professor or Professional expert in her field, if they are approved by the Honors Council and the appointee’s contractual unit chair or director. Special appointees are exempted from participation in Honors College governance.

Meetings of the Honors Faculty can be held at the request of one-third of the members, or at the call of the Honors Dean, who shall chair such meetings. The Honors Faculty elects from its own
members representatives to the Honors Council. Actions by an assembled quorum of the Honors Faculty take precedence over those of the Honors Council. A quorum of the Honors Faculty for transacting business is one-third of the regular members.

SECTION E: THE HONORS COUNCIL

1. Membership

All Honors Faculty members are eligible for membership on the Honors Council. Such members shall be elected for three-year terms with approximately one-third being elected annually by vote of the Honors Faculty. Procedures for elections, including the date of elections, effective date of membership, and annual reapportionment review, shall be determined by the Honors Council. The Honors Council shall be composed of members as follows:

a) the Dean of the Honors College, who shall serve as Chair;

b) Honors Faculty representatives

The total number of Honors Faculty representatives shall be eleven, as follows:
Three elected from Arts & Sciences, one each from Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Arts & Humanities;
Two elected from the College of Education and Human Development, one each from Education and Human Development;
One from each of the other undergraduate Colleges (Business Administration; Firelands; Health & Human Services; Musical Arts; Technology, Architecture, & Applied Engineering); and
One from University Libraries.

c) one Chair/Director appointed by the University department Chairs and school Directors; and

d) one undergraduate Honors student representative appointed by the UGC for a one-year term.

The Honors Dean may invite other persons to attend meetings as deemed appropriate. Changes in the foregoing membership structure may be initiated by the Honors College, subject to the normal procedures for Charter amendment.

2. Internal Functions

The Honors Council shall:

a) Advise the Dean with regard to the goals and directions of undergraduate Honors education;

b) Establish standards and approve courses for Honors certification, and establish the
review process for recertifying courses as needed;

c) Establish standards for certification of the Honors designation of the degree;

d) Establish standards for Honors Faculty status and approve credentials.

e) Report regularly to Faculty Senate through CAA on the issues discussed and actions taken;

f) May also consider any matter of concern to Honors students and members of the Honors Faculty.

g) Establish and update College governance policy.

h) Approve subcommittees appointed by the Chair as required.

SECTION F: ACADEMIC POLICY REVIEW

All academic policies adopted by the Honors College shall be reviewed by UGC, then by CAA, which will forward items to SEC for consideration by the full Senate. Those policies with resource implications, accompanied by a realistic resource requirements statement, shall be submitted to the VPFA, who shall prepare a resource impact analysis of the proposal and request that FAAC/UBC review and comment on the analysis. This analysis shall be completed prior to submission to the UGC, and shall accompany the proposal throughout the review process.