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To: Undergraduate Academic Advisors & College Academic Advisors

Re: Considerations for advising Honors students during summer orientation.

As with years' past, new honors students will be [advised and pre-registered by the Honors College](#) in May prior to their orientation day. However, in addition to Honors Advisement, honors students also have an opportunity to meet with their college academic advisor as part of New Student Orientation.

Many college academic advisors are excited to meet their honors advisees during orientation and already have plans in places. However, **some advisors have inquired as to the best way to spend this time.** Therefore, when honors students come to you during your advising session, you can use the time to get to know your advisee. Below are some considerations.

Advising format options:

- Option 1: **Group honors advisement** UAAs/Colleges advisors can advise all honors students together. (*encouraged as a time-saving technique)
- Option 2: **Individual advisement on Orientation days:** College advisors can set aside 30 minute appointments to meet with honors students. It is important in this scenario that advisors meet with students in their major.

Below are suggestions for how College Academic Advisors can spend time during summer advisement with Honors students who have already registered:

- 1) **Discuss the purpose and benefit of a dual advising model.**
 - a. Questions/Role of each advisor:
 - i. Major Advisor - lifts hold after advising appointment; advises you on classes related to your major and minor; oversees minor requirement
 - ii. Honors Advisor - enrolls you into honors classes; must see an honors advisement for enrollment
 - b. Highlight courses/experiences (BTC) in the department for honors students
- 2) **Review students' current pre-registered schedule and discuss any lingering questions.** If course schedule changes are needed, notify the Honors Advisor. (Correct any issues.)
- 3) **Sample questions/talking points**
 - a. Share your (i.e. Advisors') background to establish rapport. Where are you (Advisor) from? What did you major in? What are your hobbies?
 - b. Ask student: what course(s) are you most excited about? Do any courses concern you?
 - c. Ask students: What motivated you to select your major?
 - d. For out of state students, consider transition to Columbia
 - e. Discuss UofSC's experiential learning opportunities

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If I believe an honors student was misadvised to take a class, what should I do?

A: Since these students are advised early, please check Navigate for advising notes by the Honors Advisor. If the notes do not provide a clear explanation, please email schcadvising@mailbox.sc.edu before contacting the student. Kay or Ali will respond to the inquiry and connect you with the advisor for details. Some of the misadvisement concerns are related to AP/IB or dual enrollment credit not showing on the transcript.

Q: Are there any repercussions for students who do not attend the advising appointment at New Student Orientation?

A: Since Honors Advisors do not remove the advising hold, the honors student should attend the advising appointment. We recommend using a group advising format for these appointments. Also check Navigate to see if the student has had a major change.

Q: Who do I contact with advising concerns, questions or suggestions about honors advising:

A: Please email Ali Mathwig, Director of Advising at amathwig@mailbox.sc.edu or schcadvising@mailbox.sc.edu.