ADELPHI UNIVERSITY
HONORS COLLEGE
By-Laws

Article I. Name
The Honors College

Article II. Purpose

Section A. Subject to the ultimate authority of the Board of Trustees, including the authority delegated to the President by the Board of Trustees, the Honors College Committee, in accordance with the University’s Articles of Governance and Provisions for Peer Review and the Honors College Governance document, is organized to act on educational matters within the scope of its academic domain. This document specifies the authority and governing policies for assuming such responsibility.

Section B. The Honors College Committee has primary responsibility for the curriculum, methods of instruction, research, faculty status and those aspects of student life which relate to the Honors College’s programs.

Article III. Membership

During any academic year, the voting members of the Honors College Committee shall consist of the full-time faculty members who teach in the Honors College during a given academic year and those who taught in the Honors College during the previous academic year along with no more than three additional faculty to be selected on an annual basis by the Honors College Deans; full-time faculty holding joint appointments in the Honors College; two full-time faculty members appointed annually by the Adelphi University Faculty Senate; the Honors College Academic Deans and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The Dean of the Honors College is the chief executive officer.

Article IV. Meetings

Meetings of the Honors College Committee will be held once a month during the academic year. Additional meetings may be called by:

1. The Dean;
2. Any five members of the Honors College Committee, or
3. The majority of members on any sub-committee.

The Dean of the Honors College or the dean’s designated representative shall preside at all meetings.
Fifty percent (50%) of the members of the Honors College Committee shall constitute a quorum.
Article V. Standing Committees

The Honors College has no Standing Committees other than the Academic Affairs Committee. This Committee will consist of the members of the Honors College Committee or, if the Honors College Committee chooses, a subset of those members elected by the Honors College Committee.

Ad hoc committees may be established by the Dean as needed.

Article VI. Ratification and Amendment

As specified by the Articles of Governance of Adelphi University, Article VII, these By-Laws and any amendments of them become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees. This document shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees following a majority vote of the eligible faculty (as defined in Article III) who cast ballots.

Amendments to this document may be proposed by any member of the Honors College Committee. Amendments are to be presented in writing along with a rationale for evaluation at least two weeks prior to a vote. To become effective an amendment must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Honors College Committee eligible to vote.

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