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RE: Honors – Academic Program Review

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review for the Honors Program. It was a pleasure to read the self-study and engage in a thoughtful discussion about the direction of the program with both you and Dean Tuedio.

This program certainly serves as a unique and high-impact practice for Stanislaus State undergraduate students. I appreciated our discussion regarding the innovative ways you have aligned the Honors program with the McNair Scholars' program to extend the mentored experience.

I also recognize the challenges that come with a program that runs in the "liminal" space alongside traditional degree programs and what that means in terms of budgeting and program management. I support the program maintenance outcomes outlined in the program Implementation Plan including the continued review and revision of GE courses and curriculum to align with revisions, continue to review administrative structures and faculty funding, confirmation of scholarship funds, and exploring formal recognition of University Honors completion on official student transcripts.

Thank you for your passion for our students and for making Honors a hub for undergraduate research on our campus.

The result of this Academic Program Review is that your Program is approved for continuance.

Sincerely,

Richard Ogle, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

