

Periclean Honors Forum Council Annual Report for 2018-2019

Membership 2018-2019

Yelena Biberman-Ocakli, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Joseph Cermatori, Assistant Professor of English

Jenny Day, Associate Professor of History

Steven Frey, Chair, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Kimberley Marsella, Director of Academic Advising

Allegra Brandon '19, Periclean Honors Forum President

Lisa Bradshaw, Administrative Assistant

Summary of Activities

The PHFC met 11 times during the academic year. During these meetings, the PHFC completed its regular business which included:

- Review of membership applications (98 applications reviewed and 76 students accepted for membership into the forum).
- Review of student independent study, service project, and capstone project proposals.
- Review of 1-credit course add-on proposals from faculty
- Oversight of HF events including a welcome back picnic, student-to-faculty dialogue, fall trip to Mass MoCA, policy conversation on climate change, holiday party, induction ceremony, Jon Ramsey lecture, spring trip to Boston, and Periclean Award/senior recognition ceremony.
- Review of Periclean Award nominations
- Oversight of the Academic Festival

In addition, the committee also completed the following tasks:

- Revision of policies, language (membership guide and website), and proposal forms for the former Service Project requirement of HF which is now referred to as the Student-Led Honors Project and includes Great Conversation and Make a Difference pathways.
- Revision and updating of the HF website.
- Piloted a program to make HF membership available for highly motivated transfer students who arrive at Skidmore in their junior year.
- Agreed to have HF capstone projects and Periclean Award projects included as categories for the Creative Matter database.
- Renamed the Jon Ramsey Lecture, the Jon Ramsey Memorial Lecture to reflect his passing in March of 2019.

Incoming Membership for 2019-2020

Paul Benzon, Assistant Professor of English (Fall replacement for Yelena Biberman-Ocakli)

Jenny Day, Associate Professor of History

Oscar Perez Hernandez, Assistant Professor of World Languages and Literatures

Flagg Taylor, Chair and Director, Associate Professor of Political Science

Kimberley Marsella, Director of Academic Advising
Rachel Trowbridge '20, Periclean Honors Forum President
Eliza Kuperschmidt '21, Periclean Honors Forum Vice President
Lisa Bradshaw, Administrative Assistant