Draft Policy Change for Instructors teaching UHC courses

Current Policy according to bylaws:

Only tenure/tenure-track professors and senior instructors may teach Honors courses.

Council granted exceptions:

The UHC Council discussed exceptions to this bylaw in the last few years and concluded that the UHC could use instructors to teach courses to meet strategic needs of the College. While this has been the operating policy of the UHC, the policy apparently was not captured in the minutes or year-end report of the UHC Council. The UHC has called on Instructors occasionally (1-3 instructors/year).

Proposed new policy:

Senior Instructors and tenure/tenure-track professors are eligible to teach UHC courses and may be selected to do so at the discretion of the UHC. Instructors may petition to teach UHC courses. They will complete a one-page application that includes the following information:

Name
Education
Proposed Honors Course (Provide number of existing course or title of proposed course)
Teaching experience (include years experience, courses, and specifically comment on experience with low enrollment classes)
Scholarly agenda (brief description of scholarly activities beyond the classroom, e.g. research, publications, creative activities, applied sciences, etc.)
Endorsement by unit leader (to include a statement about plans for promoting the Instructor to Senior Instructor or why that is not feasible)

A UHC committee that consists of the Associate Dean and two Professors or Senior Instructors with experience teaching Honors courses will evaluate the petition. The Dean will be responsible for the final decision.