**Northern Illinois University**

**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (CIUAE)**

Monday, April 7, 2025

Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Approved Minutes**

Present: Wenlian Gao, Farah Ishaq, Shannon Becker, Shicheng Chen, Carol Walther, Yasuo Ito, Greg Barrett, Tylo Blackburn, Caela Hinkle, Mark Pienkos, Andrea Radasanu, Jason Rhode, Jeanie Sparacino, Sam Lee, Calvin Soldan

Absent: Alicia Schatteman, Alissa Droog, Ja’kobe Jones, Maddux Chanthaboury, Dante Fishman, John Boswell

Adoption of Agenda

Chair Farah Ishaq started the meeting at 1:02 p.m. Yasuo Ito made a motion to approve the agenda; Carol Walther seconded, approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Ito made a motion to accept March 3, 2024, minutes, Caela Hinkle seconded the motion approved unanimously.

Baccalaureate Council Updates – None at this time.

Student Engagement Fund (SEF) – Andrea Radasanu gave updates to the committee.

* Student Engagement Fund
* Conference on Undergraduate Research and Engagement (C.U.R.E.) – April 29, 2025
* Career Services – career readiness week, Radasanu put link in the chat.

Old Business – Farah Ishaq went over the nominations for the David W. Raymond Award

* David Raymond Award – Six Applications were received.
  + Discussion of rankings and winner.
  + Ishaq went over the process with the committee.
  + Greg Barrett made a motion to approve and 2nd, Wenlian Gao, motion passed.

Committee Focus Theme- Student Retention– Farah Ishaq lead discussion.

* Spring Goal Setting Recap
* Student Success/Retention Discussion – Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Initiatives were all discussed. Jade Silva Tovar was not able to make it to this meeting, next semester should work better.

New Business

* Need new chair for the 2025-2026 CIUAE. Ishaq went over what the duties entail. No volunteers, VP Schatteman will have to choose someone in the Fall.
* Reviewed CIUAE Membership for 2025-2026
* Ishaq offered to mentor anyone that would like to be chair for the coming year
* Ishaq shared some ideas to pass along for potential AY 2025-2026

Announcements – None

Adjournment – Shannon Becker moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Caela Hinkle. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 1:41 p.m.

Next meeting: September 8, 2025, 1pm-3pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanie Sparacino