**Northern Illinois University**

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

Monday, November 4, 2024

Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Approved Minutes**

Present: Alicia Schatteman, Wenlian Gao, Farah Ishaq, Shannon Becker, Carol Walther, Alissa Droog, Yasuo Ito, Greg Barrett, Ja’kobe Jones, Sam Lee, Tylo Blackburn, Calvin Soldan, Caela Hinkle, Mark Pienkos, John Boswell, Andrea Radasanu, Emily Reilly (guest), Jeanie Sparacino

Absent: Shicheng Chen, Maddux Chanthaboury, Dante Fishman, Jason Rhode

Adoption of Agenda.

Chair Farah Ishaq started the meeting at 1:01 p.m. Yasuo Ito made a motion to approve the agenda; Alissa Droog seconded, approved unanimously.

Membership Updates. Ishaq reported to the committee, we are in search of a faculty representative and student representative from the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology (CEET), and a student representative from the College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS).

Approval of Minutes

Droog made a motion to accept the October 7, 2024, minutes, Shannon Becker seconded the motion, approved unanimously.

Baccalaureate Council Updates – VP Alicia Schatteman updated the committee, launching a new tool for undergraduates from Ed Sights, SMS texting service as well as a Chat Bot, tools to proactive outreach to our students. Looking at our community engaged courses, BC passed in the Spring, working on a process, completely voluntary for faculty, can request designation at the section level or the course level. More to come on the community engagement.

Student Engagement Fund (SEF) – Emily Reilly gave updates to the committee. Student Engagement is an opportunity for faculty to apply for funding for undergraduate student researchers, by providing a stipend to the student as well as project supplies needed to complete the project. Deadline is November 4, 2024, reviewers can expect to receive an e-mail notification over the next couple of days, due back November 13, 2024. Reilly went over the process.

Old Business – Ishaq gave an update on awards to the Committee for the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience (CIUAE), website is updated.

Committee Focus Theme

1. Ishaq gave a link for committee members to complete a survey.
   1. Recap of October 7th meeting, survey is to narrow down the ideas from that meeting.
   2. Come up with resources with our campus partners.
2. Brainstorming
   1. Ishaq shared a Google doc to collect ideas for this year.
   2. Rankings, work on student retention and mental health and well-being initiatives, focusing on today, how CIUAE can help with retention.

Announcements

1. Calvin Soldan announced that a New ‘Huskie Trek Talks’ series invites submissions, NIU’s new innovative showcase with the engaging, storytelling spirit of TED Talks.
2. Ishaq shared information about College of Education’s workshop called “Why Belonging, Why Now” Thursday, November 14th, 12-1pm, via Zoom, can register through Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL).

Adjournment. Yasuo Ito moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Becker. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 2:39 p.m.

Next meeting: December 2, 2024, 1pm-3pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanie Sparacino