

University Honors Program Honors Committee – Agenda

9/1/2017 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
Campus Life Building 110
353rd Meeting
Approved

Voting Member Present: Timothy Crowley (LAS), Emily McKee (LAS), Bart Sharp (BUS), Patricia Skarbinski (VPA), John Evar Strid (EDU) Leanne VandeCreek (LIB), Brian Coller (EET..Representing Nick Pohlman)

Voting Members Absent:

Ex-officio Present: Todd Gilson (Honors)

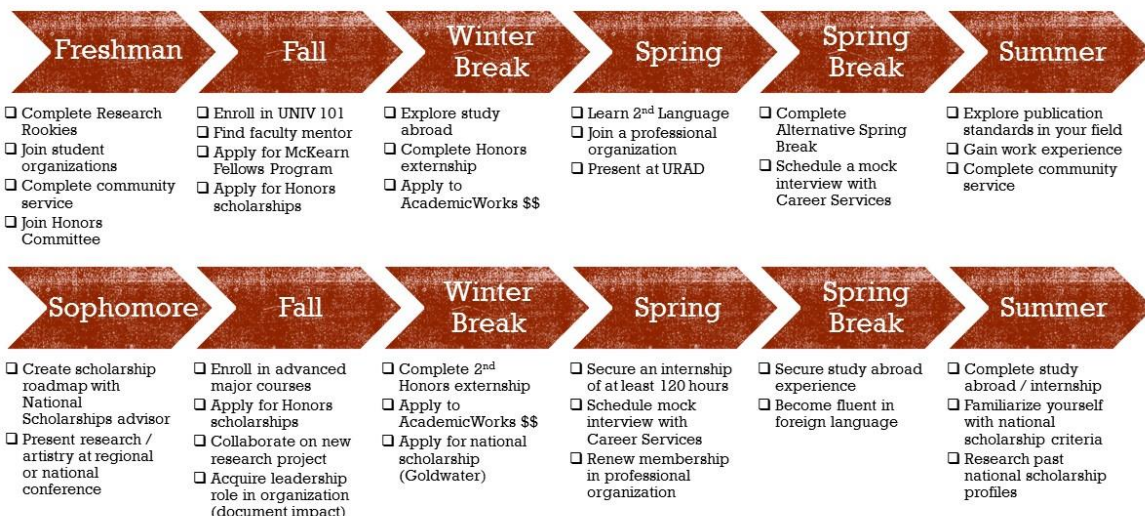
Ex-officio Absent: Ed Klonoski (Vice Provost)

Others present: Jason Goode (Honors), Sam Gaul (Honors), Marc Brown (Recording Clerk)

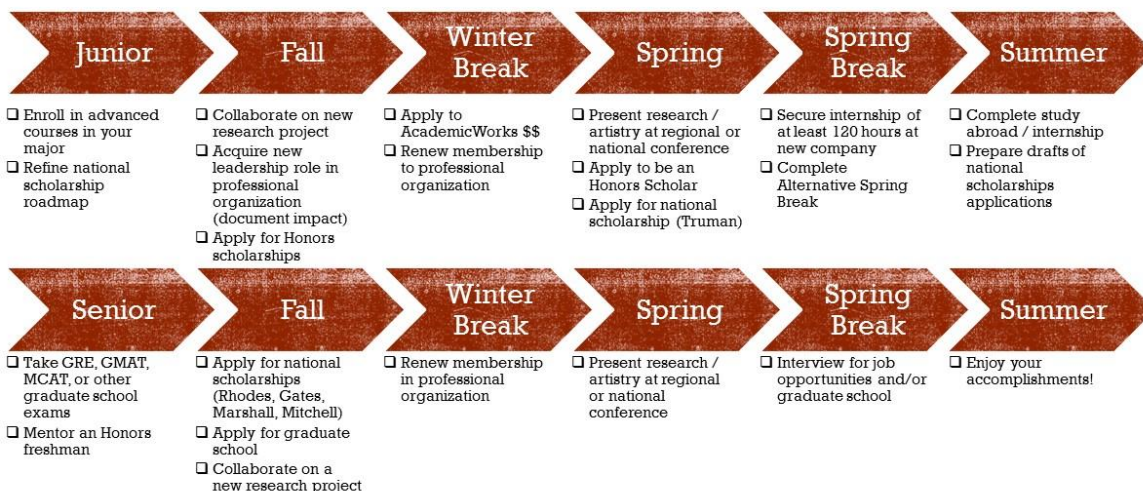
- I. Approval of Agenda
VandeCreek moved to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed
- II. Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2017
McKee moved to approve minutes. Motion passed
- III. Selection of faculty chair
Sharp nominated Nick Pohlman as Chair. Evar Strid 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
Brian Coller approved Pohlman as Chair in Pohlman's absence.
- IV. Staff Reports
 - a. Director – Todd
 - Enrollment numbers
 - See numbers presented at meeting (collected on the 1st of every month)
 - Jes Cisneros resigned from the position of Assistant Director on August 31, 2017 – took a new position as Coordinator of Academic Initiatives at UW – Whitewater
 - New position of Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning to be submitted
 - Honors computer lab refreshed (funding provided by Rachowicz challenge dollars):
 - Six (6) new Dell computers
 - Two (2) new Mac computers
 - Summer Honors Fellows revamped Capstone library – check it out!
 - Partnership with POLS on 3+2 program Holding a select number of “seats” in the program exclusively for Honors students
 - POLS faculty to consider catalog change this fall

- b. Associate Director for Scholarships, Programming and Assessment – Jason
- McKearn Program
 - Spring meetings with the new cohort
 - John and Cassandra hosted an event with guest speaker Nicole Stoller who spoke on “Notes From the Field: My Public Health Journey”
 - Bootcamp August 18-25th
 - Taneisha Vilma is the new McKearn graduate assistant
 - Website
 - Three part training series for web usage
 - Level 1/Phase 1 training, “Maintaining Your Website”
 - Level 1/Phase 2 included watching three Lynda.com tutorials and completing short assessments in Bb for each
 - Level 1/Phase 3 CSS and Image Selection
 - National Scholarships and Fellowships (Jason and Anna Quider)
 - Created the four year national scholarship roadmap
 - AcademicWorks
 - Department training
 - Assessment of our scholarship funds

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c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – vacant

d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Sam

- Honors Engaged Program
 - Categories align with Engage PLUS
 - Students will get more out of the experiences
- Honors Preferred Program
 - Discount program
 - 10% Off at: Smallcakes, The House Café, Mediterraneo, Pita Pete's, Lukulos, and The Huddle
 - \$1 Off admission to The Midwest Museum of Natural History (Sycamore)
- Honors House
 - House Leaders: Skyler Imhoff and Haley Pucel
 - Fall semester trips that have been approved
 - Six Flags Great America 9/16
 - iPanic Escape Rooms 11/10
 - Waiting on details and approval
 - Jonamac Orchard 10/13
 - How To... Workshops
 - Working to secure a speaker for September
- Lorado Taft Retreat
 - Survey Sent
 - Session 1=105 students, Session 2=113 students

V. Strategic Planning Subcommittee Update

a. Essay admission questions

Committee decided with all the other changes currently taking place in the Honors Program that they would revisit in the future

VI. Old Business

- a. Capstone innovation – I-Lab (MGMT 481 / CEET 481) – to be contacted next week for Spring 2018 offering

Gilson is in the process of reaching out to MGMT and CEET departments

- b. UHHS 399 – Honors Seminar (online) – syllabus / course outline submitted – to be contacted next week for Spring 2018 offering

Gilson is in the process of reaching out to UHHS department

- c. Honors Faculty Status – revised proposal
Tabled due to meeting time constraints

VII. New Business

- a. Honors Model (Engage Plus as co-curricular requirements) + catalog language changes

McKee prefers “Honors Distinction”, it sounds better than “University Honors”

Gilson stated that we can not change the “University Honors”

Evar Strid suggested “Associate Honors”

Skarbinsi suggested “Full University Honors” and Associate University Honors”

Agreed to change verbage to ““Full University Honors” and Associate University Honors” Gilson will present to Baccalaureate Council in September 2017.

Sharp asked about new Honors Engaged model. Is this the way it needs to be?

Gilson confirmed.

Sharp stated We need to move forward, but what will this mean if students leave the program due to the new model?

Gilson stated we need to look at the whole picture

Sharp was concerned about finding events

Gilson stated that students are already doing some things that would count. Ex: Research labs, Student Senate, etc.

McKee asked if paid research will count as long as not getting curricular credit

Evar Strid added we should add limitations: Can’t propose past events. Can propose large research project before research starts, but it must have different components. We need to guide them to a bigger picture. Students will need guidelines.

Skarbinski noted that students will need to plan ahead

VandeCreek asked of all advisors are familiar with this new model

Evar Strid motioned to move forward on this. Motion passed with approved amended catalog changes.

VIII. Comments from Floor

No students representatives were present due to the timing of the start of the semester. There was only one week from the beginning of semester, until the first committee meeting.

IX. Adjournment

Evar Strid motioned to adjourn. Motion passed.