

## University Honors Program Honors Committee – Agenda

10/6//2017 @ 1:30p – 3:30p  
Campus Life Building 110  
354<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Approved

Voting Member Present: Timothy Crowley (LAS), Emily McKee (LAS), Bart Sharp (BUS), Patricia Skarbinski (VPA), John Evar Strid (EDU), Leanne VandeCreek (LIB), Nick Pohlman (EET), Linda Taylor (School of Nursing), John Evar Strid (School of Education)

Students (Voting Members): Kennedy B, Jamie Wilson, Nick Chapman, Emily Fiala, Devon Boland (substitute for Aspen Wheeler)

Voting Members Absent:

Ex-officio Present: Todd Gilson (Honors)

Ex-officio Absent: Ed Klonoski (Vice Provost)

Others present: Dave Ballantine (LAS), Jason Goode (Honors), Sam Gaul (Honors), Jayson Shiau (Recording Clerk representing Marcy Brown)

- I. Introductions (new members present)  
Nick Pohlman motioned for meeting to start  
Introductions made for everyone at the meeting
- II. Approval of Agenda  
Bart Sharp moved to approve agenda as presented. John Evar Strid 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
Motion passed
- III. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2017  
Leanne VandeCreek moved to approve minutes. Bart Sharp 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed
- IV. Staff Reports
  - a. Director – Todd
    - I. Enrollment numbers
      - See numbers presented at meeting (collected on the 1st of every month)
    - II. Office Support Assistant position update
      - Le'Passion Darby, begins Monday, October 9
    - III. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning position update
      - Position open and closed last Friday

- Hope to get someone by January
  - 23 applicants
- IV. Partnership with POLS on 3+2 acceleration MS program
  - POLS faculty unanimously approved reserving three (3) spots for Honors students in this program – formal catalog change pending
  - Pohlman question: Who selects those students
  - Gilson response:
- b. Associate Director for Scholarships, Programming and Assessment – Jason
  - National Scholarships and Fellowships (Jason and Anna Quider)
  - Mitchell Due Sept. 29th at 5:00 pm EST
    - Emma Harvey
    - Jason explains scholarship details
  - Marshall – Due Oct. 2nd at 5:00 pm CST
    - Rachel Jacob
    - Margaret (Maggie) Miller
    - Leah Harvey
    - Jayson Shiau
    - Jason explains scholarship details
  - Rhodes – Due Oct. 4th at 11:59 pm EST
    - Rachel Jacob
    - Margaret (Maggie) Miller \*
    - Jason explains scholarship details
  - AcademicWorks
    - Assessment of our scholarship funds via a report to the Scholarship office
  - McKearn Program – Updates to staff page
  - Website - Honors Preferred Program page
  - UNIV 101
- c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – vacant
  - Planning on filling position
- d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Sam
  - 1) Fundraising
    - Buffalo Wild Wings 9/27- waiting on results
    - Culvers in Sycamore 10/18 5:00pm-8:00pm
  - 2) Honors Preferred Program
    - Added- Pizza Pros 10% discount
  - 3) Honors House
    - Six Flags trip 9/16
  - Fall semester trips that have been approved
    - Jonamac Orchard 10/13

- iPanic Escape Rooms 11/10
- c. How To... Workshops
- i. Self Defense 10/25
- 4) Coursebook done by 10/20

V. Old Business

- a. Honors Program (catalog changes) – Baccalaureate Council unanimously approved program revisions!

New curriculum and program standards Fall 2018

Jamie Wilson asks what the new curriculum entails.

Pohlman explains that the new curriculum will effectively eliminate lower/upper division categories.

Ballentine wonders if the upper division honors capstone would still be a requirement?

Gilson confirms that it will still be a requirement.

Devon asks does this include trying to establish more honors classes for upper division in colleges without upper division honors classes?

Gilson explains that honors does not control curriculum. Other departments decide how they organize and manage honors courses.

Ballantine adds in a difference between university honors and departmental honors

Pohlman mentions that there are a number of honors program policies, but he can't seem to find the official list of policies. Suggestion to put on website to allow students to follow easily and offload inactive students.

- b. Honors Seminar (online) – scheduled to offer HLTH 473 (Topics in Health Studies) in Spring 2018
- c. Capstone innovation – I-Lab (MGMT 481 / CEET 481) – DEAD; not offered in Spring 2018

Still part of discussion with new dean talk

Not in this academic year

- d. Honors Faculty Status – revised proposal
- Pohlman inquires if anyone wants to pursue revised proposal.
- Evar Strid asks Gilson what he thinks.
- Gilson asks why would faculty would want the “Honors Faculty” status.
- Pohlman explains that similar to how faculty need to have a “Graduate Faculty” status to teach graduate courses, perhaps faculty should have the “Honors Faculty” status to teach honors courses should the honors program become an honors college.

Ballantine affirms that the faculty graduate status is there to ensure the quality of program.

Sharp adds that the original intent was to give faculty access to best and brightest  
Evar Strid inquires about the compensation for a reaction of no motivation to teach honors students

Pohlman asks committee if they want to bring this proposal to the baccalaureate committee again?

McKee asks when was it last presented

Gilson confirms it was presented last fall (2016)

Sharp suggests sending the current proposal to the baccalaureate committee

Pohlman affirms action item of sharing original proposal and feedback to the baccalaureate committee. Also suggested possibly having another iteration of review.

Gilson confirms that the proposal is ready to go with feedback and Sharp's comments. However, he feels that the same result of nothing moving forward will happen.

Evar Strid suggests bringing the proposal back to committee anyway to have additional suggestions.

Pohlman suggests sending out the proposal to everyone in the honors committee a week in advance to give a chance to review before the next meeting.

Devon asks if this would be something students find beneficial.

Pohlman asks if they are allowed to bring honors students to baccalaureate council meeting.

Devon adds in that it would be useful to have student feedback.

Gilson explains that there would need to be controlled mechanism to select which students attend.

Devon suggests to have controlled students limited to mckearn, honors, top 10%, etc.

Jamie suggests sending the proposal to students to get student feedback.

Kennedy asks how other schools pay people for honors faculty status

Sharp explains that it depends on the school and details can be found on their sites.

Committee asks several questions about onloading/offloading courses and assigning honors courses to faculty.

Gilson explains that there would be tension in curriculum balance between honors and non-honors population seeing as the non-honors population greatly outnumbered the honors population.

Pohlman confirms action plan of having students read amendment to proposal.

## VI. New Business

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## VII. Comments from Floor

- No comments

## VIII. Adjournment

Bart Sharp motioned to adjourn, John Evar Strid 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

