

**University Honors Program
Honors Committee – Agenda**

2/1/2019 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
Campus Life Building 110
Minutes
Approved

Voting Members Present: Anthony Acevedo (Student), Tim Crowley (LAS), Barbara Gonzalez (LAS), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS), Randy Lin (SAC), Emily McKee (LAS), Nick Pohlman (EET), Leslie Sassone (EDU), Cameron Simpson (Student), Leanne VandeCreek (LIB)

Voting Members Absent: Laura Banks (STU), Amy Geldean (STU), Malaysia Clegg (STU), Bart Sharp (BUS), Patricia Skarbinski (VPA)

Ex-officio Present: Todd Gilson (Honors)

Ex-officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

Others Present: Marcy Brown (Honors), Edye Cowen (Honors), Jason Goode (Honors), Connie Storey (Honors)

- I. Election/Appointment of the Committee's Faculty Chair (Spring 2019)
McKee moved to nominate Nick Pohlman as chair, Crowley second. Motion passed
- II. Approval of Agenda
Gonzalez moved, McKee second. Motion passed
- III. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2018
McKee moved, Hryhorczuk second. Motion passed
- IV. Staff Reports
 - a. Director – Todd
 - Enrollment numbers
 - See numbers presented at meeting (collected on the 1st of every month)
 - Guaranteed admission agreements for University Honors students – update
 - M.S.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education
 - 3+3 College of Law – first year of tuition (and fees) 100% free
 - Fall 2019 Honors course development underway
 - Honors course algorithm meetings with Vice Provost and ISYE
 - b. Associate Director for Scholarships, Programming and Assessment – Jason
 - National Scholarship Applicants
 - Goldwater – Jill B. submitted January 25th

- Truman – Robert C. Due February 5th
- Knights-Hennessy Scholars at Stanford - Maggie M.
- Contacted 9 Presidential Scholars regarding Goldwater, Rhodes, Gates, Marshall, & Mitchell Scholarships
- McKearn
 - Fall 2018 Newsletter posted
 - Spring 2018 Newsletter analytics – 210 views Jan.-Aug.
 - McKearn Recruiting video
 - GSARP submission of the McKearn GA position
- Website updates
 - 2019 ICC & Capstone Workshop dates posted to the website
 - Honors Bucks webpage created and loaded to the website
 - Updated Honors Society links
- General
 - Webinar on January 8th to train Honors Scholarship Reviewers
 - Transfer Orientation Browsing Fair Thursday, January 10th, 2019 in the HSC Regency Room
 - Presentation Friday, January 18th for 33 guests from West Aurora High School completed by Honors Fellows
- c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye
 - Advising
 - Grades/Probation/Drop/ICCs/Capstones
 - Orientation
 - Worked with Marketing and Communications to create Honors postcards
 - Spring 2019 Orientation Completed
 - Met with Orientation to better structure Orientation for Summer 2019
 - Manned Table at the International Student Orientation Welcome Fair
 - Served on Director of Orientation Search Committee
 - Advising Council
 - Social Committee – Planned Social for February 7, 2019
 - Advisor Week February 4-8
 - Advisor Summit – February 8, 2019
 - Advising Handbook Committee
 - Capstones
 - Deadline for Spring 2019 proposal submission – Friday, January 25, 2019
 - 90 Proposals Submitted
 - In-Course Contracts
 - Deadline for Spring 2019 proposal submission – Sunday, January 27, 2019
 - 82 Proposals Submitted
- d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie

- Trips/Events
 - Jeopardy 1/23
 - iPanic Escape Room 1/25
 - Medieval Times 2/23
 - Battle House Laser Combat 3/22
 - Murder Mystery Dinner in HSC Skyroom 4/25
- Luminary
 - All articles submitted, will meet again in Feb.
- Fundraisers
 - Pizza Villa fundraiser 2/4
 - Sonic fundraiser 3/6
- Incentives
 - Launched
- Service/Trainings
 - CPR certification training
 - NIU cares day
 - Birthday boxes

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

- a. Move April 5th meeting? (President Freeman Investiture being held at 2p)
Gonzalez moved, McKee second. Motion passed
- b. Admission criteria for entry into Honors
 - i. Strategic Enrollment Management Plan (2019-2023)
 1. Complete a comprehensive research study by end of spring 2019 on current undergraduate admission and scholarship criteria to consider implementing alternate options.
Gilson volunteered as ex-officio, McKee volunteers, but not chair, Gonzalez volunteers, but not chair
- c. Honors Faculty Status proposal
Tabled until September 2019

VII. Comments from Floor

None

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting – March 1st
McKee motioned, Gonzalez second. Motion passed.