

University Honors Program Honors Committee – Agenda

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

Voting Members Present: Anthony Acevedo (Student), Amy Geldean (Student), Barbara Gonzalez (LAS), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS), Emily McKee (LAS), Nick Pohlman (EET), Max Rider (SAC substitute), Leslie Sassone (EDU), Bart Sharp (BUS), Cameron Simpson (Student), Patricia Skarbinski (VPA), Leanne VandeCreek (LIB)

Voting Members Absent: Laura Banks (Student), Malaysia Clegg (Student), Tim Crowley (LAS), Randy Lin (SAC)

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. Approval of Agenda
 - McKee moved, Gonzalez Second, motion passed
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2019
 - Sharp moved, Sassone second, motion passed
- III. Staff Reports
 - a. Director – Todd
 - Enrollment numbers
 - See numbers presented at meeting (collected on the 1st of every month)
 - Graduate program partnerships
 - Formed guaranteed admission agreements for University Honors students with three programs:
 - M.A. in Sociology
 - M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling
 - M.S. in Computer Science
 - Begun pathway / partnership discussions with IL medical schools
 - Held Presidential Scholar Interview Day (and selected recipients) for 2019-2023 cohort
 - Attended Honors Council of Illinois Region Spring Student Symposium at Harper College of 2/23

- b. Associate Director for Scholarships, Programming and Assessment – Jason
 - National Scholarship Applicants
 - Goldwater – Jill B. submitted January 25th
 - Truman – Robert C. Submitted February 5th
 - Scholarship
 - Alumni volunteer’s scholarship review
 - Helped a student get \$2,000 scholarship
 - MyScholarships training (also served as a panelist with tips for new users)
 - McKearn
 - GSARP résumé review and first round of interviews for the McKearn GA position
 - McKearn Enrichment Fund Apps
 - McKearn 2019-2022 cohort interviews
 - Alternative Spring Break SXSW
 - Flights, hotel, and transportation arranged
 - General
 - Grad app fee waiver awarded (\$60)
 - Mortar Board
 - Membership recruitment email went out to all eligible students with a 3.2 or higher (through marketing and communications)
 - Helped update HuskieLinks Roster and secure AR #
 - Special Tour presentation Thursday, February 21st for 44 guests from CICS Longwood (Honors Fellows)
 - Special Tour presentation on Monday, February 25th for 51 guests from Elk Grove High School (Honors Fellows)
 - Huskie Celebration of Excellence Sunday, February 24th at the Convo

- c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye
 - Advising
 - General/Inactive
 - Email Reminder – Come in for Summer/Fall 2019 Advising
 - Weekly ICC & Capstone Workshops
 - Advising Council
 - Advisor Summit – May 8, 2019
 - Advising Handbook Committee
 - Honors Fellows
 - 7 Returning Fellows 2019-2020
 - Reviewed applications for new Fellows
 - Capstones
 - 94 Proposals Submitted and Approved
 - Reviewed Spring/Fall 2018 Capstones – Narrow field for Outstanding Capstones
 - In-Course Contracts
 - 87 Proposals Submitted
 - 76 Approved
 - 4 Denied
 - Waiting for Approval

- 3 Faculty
- 4 Department/Chair

d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie

- Trips/Events
 - Medieval Times 2/23-went great
 - Therapy Dogs 3/6
 - Battle House Laser Combat 3/22
 - Murder Mystery Dinner in HSC Skyroom 4/25
- Game Nights
 - 2/27, 3/20 & 3/27
- Luminary
 - Got a few new features, finalizing
- Fundraisers
 - Pizza Villa fundraiser 2/4-Raised \$100 (10-\$10 gift cards)
 - Sonic fundraiser 3/6
- Incentives
 - Collecting swag
 - Minute to Win It Games
 - Surveying students about Honors Bash
- Service/Trainings
 - Engage PLUS session

IV. New Business

- a. Great Professor Award
Sharp moved to approve, Sassone second, Motioned passed

V. Old Business

- a. Admission criteria for entry into Honors
- Offer applications chance to demonstrate academic rigorous or civil engagement (dual pathway?)
 - Offer 3 levels of review:

	Academic Scores (Quantity)	Civically Engaged (Quality)
Green	High Quantity and Low Quality	High Quality and Low Quantity
Yellow	Medium Quantity and Medium Quality	Medium Quality and Medium Quantity
Red	Low Quantity and High Quality	Low Quality and High Quantity

- Workload will increase to review applicants
- Everyone should have to do essay
- Resource Perspective – could result in more students, would we have enough courses to accommodate?
- Not all GPA's are created equal
- University might eliminate SAT & GPA as admission criteria
- Honors students might voluntarily give us SAT & ACT
- Should we cap the number of Honors Students in Program?
- Reflective interviews on exit. Give them their initial essay and have them make a reflection. Make that part of the capstone project
- Honors Staff will need to come up with operational ideas to implement

VI. Comments from Floor

- Nick Hryhorczuk thanked Edye for her help in advising a student that had been misadvised.
- Cameron Simpson suggested we do an Engaged Plus workshop and make it a larger part of the advising appointment

VII. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting – April 12th (change from April 5th – President Freeman's Investiture)
Simpson moved, Skarbinski second, Motion passed.