## **University Honors Program Honors Committee – Minutes**

11/2/2018 @ 1:30p – 3:30p Campus Life Building 110 362<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Approved

Voting Member Present: Anthony Acevedo (Student), Laura Banks (Student), Malaysia Clegg (Student), Tim Crowley (LAS), Barbara Gonzalez (LAS), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS), Venumadhav Korampally (EET), Randy Lin (SAC), Emily McKee (LAS), Cameron Simpson (Student), Patricia Skarbinski (VPA), Bart Sharp (BUS), Leanne VandeCreek (LIB)

Voting Member Absent: Amy Geldean (Student), Leslie Sassone (EDU)

Ex-officio Present: Todd Gilson (Honors)

Ex-officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

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

- Approval of Agenda
  Sharp Moved, Gonzalez second, Motion passed
- II. Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2018 Sharp Moved, Gonzalez second, Motion passed
- III. Staff Reports
  - a. Director Todd
  - Enrollment numbers
    - See numbers presented at meeting (collected on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month)
  - Formed guaranteed admission agreement for University Honors students with one additional program (15 total):
    - MS in Nutrition and Dietetics
  - Began process of forming guaranteed internships for Honors students
    - Met with Ben Bingle (DeKalb County Nonprofit Partnerships) & Career Services
  - Attended Salute to Illinois Scholars recruitment event in Rockford, IL on 10/9 with Deans/Associate Deans of colleges, Quinton Clay (Director of Admissions), and President Freeman
  - b. Associate Director for Scholarships, Programming and Assessment Jason

- National Scholarship Applicants
  - o Mitchell
  - Marshall
  - GRFP (NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program)
    - Sarah Shapley October 22 (Geology major, Spanish and mathematics minor)
    - Ryan Lewis October 23 (Dual degree for Computer Science (Emphasis computational software) and Computational Mathematics, and a certificate in mobile programming)
  - Goldwater
  - Truman
- McKearn
  - McKearn cohort get-together Friday, October 26th
- Website updates
  - o Honors spring 2019 course list
  - Updated SAT score on admission criteria (1280)
  - Opportunities tab split into three sections (Academic, Fellows, Extracurricular)
  - Added web links to the PLUS program text that link directly to the OSEEL Engaged PLUS page
  - Updated Connie's picture on the staff page
  - Added new student to the Huskie Spotlight (Thomas Corbett)
  - Open House event where Fellows presented to high school students
    - Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, & scheduled 5 November dates
- General
  - Met with two prospective NIU students
- c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning Edye
- Advising
  - Appointments
    - Check-In
    - Initial
    - EngagePLUS
  - Fellows Evaluations
    - Observations
    - Staff Feedback
    - Individual Conferences
  - Chalking the Campus
  - Advising Council
    - Social Committee November Advising Council Lunch at Ellington's
    - Advising Handbook Committee
- Capstones

- 44 Submitted and Approved
- o Deadline for final submission Sunday, December 9, 2018
- In-Course Contracts
  - o 129 Submitted
    - 109 Approved
    - 1 Pending Department Chair Approval
  - o Deadline for final faculty approval Sunday, December 9, 2018
- d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication Connie
- Survey
  - o 111 responses so far
- Trips/Events (Calendar)
  - o Ice Hogs 11/3
  - o Angel Tree going up next week
  - Mindful Eating 11/12
  - De-stress event 12/4
- Luminary
- Planning for next semester
- Incentives
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Spring 2019 (and future) course offerings survey results Waiting on results
- V. New Business
  - a. Catalog change updated ACT to SAT concordance table
    Crowley Moved/Sharp second. Motion passed to update catalog
- VI. Comments from Floor
- VII. Adjournment

Skarbinski Moved/Sharp second. Motion approved.