

University Honors Program Honors Committee – Minutes

12/7/2018 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
Campus Life Building 110
363rd Meeting
Approved

Voting Members Present: Voting Member Present: Anthony Acevedo (Student), Malaysia Clegg (Student), Barbara Gonzalez (LAS), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS), Randy Lin (SAC), Emily McKee (LAS), Leslie Sassone (EDU), Cameron Simpson (Student), Patricia Skarbinski (VPA), Bart Sharp (BUS), Leanne VandeCreek (LIB)

Voting Members Absent: Laura Banks (Student), Tim Crowley (LAS), Amy Geldean (Student), Venumadhav Korampally (EET)

Ex-officio Present: Todd Gilson (Honors)

Ex-officio Absent: Omar Ghayeb (Vice Provost)

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

- I. Approval of Agenda
Sharp moved, Skarbinski second, motion passed
- II. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2018
Skarbinski moved, Sharp second, motion passed
- III. 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
 - Attended National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) from November 7-11
 - Elizabeth Pawlica (Honors Fellow), myself, and Damien Clement (Assistant Dean of Honors) from West Virginia University presented: *I'm accepted...now what? Strategies to help students help themselves before entering honors*
 - Placed seven (7) students with mentors for the Honors / NIU Alumni Association externship program over winter break
 - b. Associate Director for Scholarships, Programming and Assessment – Jason

- National Scholarship Applicants
 - GRFP (NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program) April announcement
 - Sarah Shapley - (Geology major, Spanish and mathematics minor)
 - Ryan Lewis - (Dual degree for Computer Science (Emphasis computational software) and Computational Mathematics, and a certificate in mobile programming)
 - Goldwater
 - Truman
 - Knights-Hennessy Scholars at Stanford (Announces mid-January)
 - Maggie Miller
 - McKearn
 - Recruiting is open
 - Alternative Spring Break registration
 - Website updates
 - Weekly Course book
 - Policy and Procedures document
 - Transfer Application section to include GPA requirements
 - Freshman application essay submission
 - Open House tables & presentations
 - 55 guests from HFS Chicago Scholars on Nov. 8th
 - 48 guests from Horizon Science Academy on Nov. 9th
 - Fall Open House on November 12th HSC
 - Moetin West High School and Downers Grove South
 - Transfer Orientation Browsing Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 20th in the HSC Regency Room from
 - General
 - Awarded the first University Honors Program Graduate Application (reimbursement) Scholarship
 - Leadership Presentation for CAHE 493
 - NIU College Bound Workshop Nov. 8th in HSC Carl Sandburg (Chance Program w/ Lisa King)
- c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edey
- Advising
 - Appointments
 - Spring 2019 Orientation
 - School of Nursing - Meeting
 - Fall Open House - November 12, 2018
 - Advising Council
 - Social Committee – Planning Social December 13, 2018
 - Advising Handbook Committee
 - Capstones
 - Reminder emails sent to students

- Submission – Final Formatting Guidelines
 - Upload to Huskie Commons
 - Deadline for final submission – Sunday, December 9, 2018
 - In-Course Contracts
 - Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory email sent to faculty
 - Deadline for final faculty approval – Sunday, December 9, 2018
- d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie
- Survey
 - 115 responses-results ready
 - Trips/Events
 - Craft and Cookies 12/4
 - Therapy Dogs 12/5
 - Angel Tree
 - Luminary
 - Waiting on 4 articles to complete bulk of issue
 - Planning for next semester
 - iPanic Escape Room 1/25
 - Pizza Villa fundraiser 2/4
 - Medieval Times 2/23
 - Sonic fundraiser 3/6
 - Battle House Laser Combat 3/22
 - Murder Mystery Dinner in HSC Skyroom 4/25
 - Incentives

IV. Old Business

- a. Future course offerings – survey results

V. New Business

- a. Review of EYE Grant applications
 - i. Angela Lobdell
Sharp moved to approve, Gonzalez second. Motion approved
 - ii. Elizabeth Pawlica
Sharp moved to approve, Skarbinski second. Motion Denied

VI. Comments from Floor

VII. Adjournment

Sharp motioned, Gonzalez second. Motion passed

Next meeting – February 1st