

University Honors Program Honors Committee – Agenda

03/6/2020 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
Campus Life Building 110
372nd Meeting
Approved

Voting member present: Tim Crowley (LAS), Grace Dvorak (Student), Ibis Gomez-Vega (BC), Barbara Gonzalez (LAS), Kate James (Student), Elaina Kinney (Student), Nick Pohlman (EET), Leslie Sassone (EDU), Scot Schraufnagel (LAS), Bart Sharp (BUS), Cameron Simpson (Student), Patricia Skarbinski (VPA), Leanne VandeCreek (LIB)

Voting members absent: Anthony Acevedo (Student), Gerardo Caballero-Manriquez (SAC), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS),

Ex-Officio Absent: Andrea Radasanu (Honors), Omar Grayeb (Vice Provost)

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

- I. Approval of Agenda
Sharp moved, Gonzales second. Motion passed.
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2020
Dvorak moved, Kinney second. Motion passed.
- III. Staff Reports
 - a. Director – Andrea
 - i. Enrollment Numbers
 1. See numbers presented at meeting (collected on the 1st of every month)
 - ii. Graduate program partnerships – Nursing complete
 - iii. Held Presidential Scholar Interview Day (and selected recipients) for 2020-2024 cohort
 - iv. Finalized financial, etc. deals with inaugural class of Honors Faculty Fellows
 1. Building faculty fellows website with videos of seminars
 - v. Second faculty newsletter went out this past week
 - vi. Working on:
 1. Faculty mentorship pilot
 2. Alignment of LAS departmental honors programs/UHP
 1. UHP maybe encourage students to also do Departmental Honors
 2. Departments will need to advertise more

3. Gonzalez and Sharp are opposed to unifying with Departmental Honors
 - i. UHP is more focus on breadth
 - ii. Departmental more focused on department
- b. Scholarships – Jason
- i. McKearn
 1. Summer Internships
 2. ILAS 440H Class
 - ii. Honors Scholarships
 1. Review completed by external reviewers
 2. Honors Fellow
 - iii. Mortar Board
 - iv. NIU Open House
 1. Transfer Open House on February 14th
 2. Transfer Open House on February 21st
 3. Huskie Celebration of Academic Excellence on February 23rd
 - v. National Fellowships
 1. Goldwater (Will announce on the last Friday in April)
 1. Jill Belluomini
 2. Matt McCoy
 2. NSF GRFP (Announces in April)
 1. Ryan Lewis
 2. Nicki Hoffman
 3. Mustafa Thahab
- c. Academic programs/advising – Edye/Linda
- i. Advising
 1. Honors Engaged
 1. 63 Pending Applications
 2. 49 Points Awarded
 3. 13 Denied
 2. In-Course Contracts
 1. Spring 2020 – 40 Contracts approved
 3. Capstones
 1. Spring 2020 – 62 Proposals approved
 2. 25 Submitted electronically
 4. Progress Toward Graduation with AUH & FUH listed in Academic Requirement Report (ARR)
 1. After Human Diversity Requirement
 5. Honors Fellows
 1. Reviewed 57 applications
 2. Will Interview 10 students for 4 positions

- 6. Advisor Week – Academic Advising Council
 - 1. Honors Workshop – 19+ Attendees
 - 7. Jump Start your Honors Journey – 5 Attendees
 - ii. Marketing Materials
 - 1. Current one page brochure to be replaced by two new pieces
 - 1. Large postcard
 - i. We will be using the large postcard for any events for the remainder of the Spring semester (Open House, Admitted Students Days, Etc.)
 - ii. Postcard will feature key benefits with a call to action to apply and visit our webpage for more info
 - 2. Barrel fold Brochure
 - i. New premier marketing piece for Honors
 - ii. Updated for new admission requirements
 - iii. Focus on benefits, include student testimonials, feature honors house, etc.
 - iv. Branded to coordinate with other NIU marketing pieces
 - iii. Coordinating with Honors Staff to develop Communication Plan
 - 1. Coordinate text & email messaging
 - 1. Outlook & Navigate
 - 2. Admissions & Larger NIU community
- d. Programming and Communication – Connie
 - i. Trips/Events
 - 1. Escape Room (2/21) went great
 - 2. Murder Mystery (3/26)
 - 3. Baseball Game (Cougars)
 - 4. Honors Bash 5/1
 - ii. Luminary
 - 1. Editing and deciding layout, still gathering items
 - iii. Faculty Newsletter
 - iv. Fundraisers
 - 1. Pizza Villa (\$60)
 - 2. Ollies
 - 3. Portillo's

IV. Old Business

- a. Honors Faculty Fellowship update

V. New Business

- a. Great Professor award

- i. Schraufnagel moved to award Dave Ballantine the Great Professor Award.
Gonzalez second. Motion passed.

VI. Comments from Floor

- VII. Adjournment Kinney motioned, Simpson second. Motion Approved
 - a. Next meeting – April 3rd