

Honors Committee Agenda
November 1st, 2019
1:30pm-3:30pm
369th meeting
Minutes
Approved

Voting Member Present: Anthony Acevedo (Student), Tim Crowley (LAS), Grace Dvorak (Student), David Gorman (BC), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS), Kate James (Student), Elaina Kinney (Student), Nick Pohlman (EET), Carolyn Pluim (EDU for Leslie Sassone), Bart Sharp (BUS), Cameron Simpson (Student), Patricia Skarbinski (VPA), Leanne VandeCreek (LIB)

Voting Members Absent: Barbara Gonzalex (LAS), Gerardo Caballero Manrique (SAC), Leslie Sassone (EDU),

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Grayeb (Vice Provost)

Others Present: Dave Ballantine (LAS), Marcy Brown (Honors), Linda Condon (Honors), Edey Cowan (Honors), Connie Storey (Honors)

- I. Approval of Agenda
Kinney moved, Dvorak second, motion passed
- II. Approval of Minutes from October 2019
Sassone moved, Gonzalez second, motion passed via E-mail
- III. Announcements/ Reports
 1. Jason
 - a. National Fellowships
 - i. Mitchell
 1. Robert Quinn Carolan
 - ii. Marshall
 1. Ian Pearson
 - iii. NSF GRFP
 1. Ryan Lewis
 2. Nickie Hoffman
 3. Mustafa Thahab
 - iv. Goldwater
 - b. Scholarship related
 - i. Working with Liz for NIU Alum scholarship application evaluation
 - c. General
 - i. GPS Program - Student success / University offices

1. COE faculty meeting
 - d. Open House - October 14th in the Convocation Center 9-10:20 am (Columbus Day)
 - e. Honors 50th Anniversary Celebration - October 26th on the NIU "Yard" 11:30am - 2:30pm
 - f. Golden Key
2. Edye
- a. Advising
 - i. Bookings
 1. Appears to have reduced number of no shows
 2. Convenient for students
 - ii. Honors Engaged
 1. Milestones - developing list of Honors Engaged experiences for MyNIU
 2. 44 applications submitted and reviewed
 - b. Honors Fellows
 - i. Observations and evaluations will take place over the next few weeks
 - c. Events
 - i. College of DuPage - 10/9/19
 - ii. Open House – 10/14/19
 - iii. Exploring English Fair – 10/29/19
 - iv. Taft
 1. NIU Move-in Day changed from Friday, August 21st to Wednesday, August 19th
 2. Gathering information to discuss Taft dates
 - d. Academic Advising Council
 - i. Honors Informational Session planned for February 2020
 - e. ICC Video
 - i. Approved by NIU Clearinghouse
 - ii. Next steps – upload and add to Faculty Resources page
3. Connie
- a. Trips/Events
 - i. Therapy Dogs TBD
 - ii. MSI 11/2
 - iii. Feed My Starving Children 11/16
 - b. Luminary
 - i. First deadline 10/31
 - c. Homecoming tent
 - d. Chipotle fundraiser 11/4
4. Andrea
- IV. Old Business
1. Honors Faculty Fellowship update
 - Should this be tenured faculty only, or instructors as well?
 - How does it complicate instructor contract?

- Limit to Faculty 1st time or cross the instructor bridge if needed
- Instructors pending approval from CBA
- Leave at just faculty per Dr. Radasanu

2. Admissions process update

V. New Business

1. Honors courses/seminars proposal (please read accompanying info)

- Why Letters and not just numbers?
- Problems with advising when you have letters and numbers
- Most students will only take one seminar

Skarbinski motioned to accept the proposal with justification to go to B.C.
Simpson second, motion passed

VI. Adjournment

Skarbinski Motioned, Kinney second. Motion passed