

Honors Committee Minutes
February 5th, 2021
1:30pm-3:30pm
378th meeting
Approved

- I. Approval of Agenda
Sassone moved, Phares second. Motion passed.
- II. Approval of Minutes from December 4th, 2020
Levine moved, Goreman second. Motion passed.
- III. Staff Reports
 - A. Director – Andrea
 1. Notable ongoing projects:
 - a. Honors Faculty Fellowship progress: (1) completed review of the proposals; (2) communicating with colleges/departments re compensation structures, schedules, etc. (3) seeking general education designation in at least two HON courses.
 - b. Launched Honors Ambassador program.
 - c. Grant writing with APLU Honors Council subgroup – USDA grant in progress, with partnership from Research office and ENVIS .
 - d. HON with human diversity credit through BC (Week of Feb. 1)
 - e. Capstone workshops expanded; 3-arc workshops this semester; new partnership with Writing Center to attract students for next year.
 - f. Negotiating grad teaching fellowship possibility with CLAS
 - g. Phi Kappa Phi assistance & revitalization; induction ceremony.
Ongoing relationship with UHP.
 - h. Presidential Scholarship application review.
 - i. Search committee for new AVP Admissions (December to present)
 - j. Presidential applicant event (February 4th)
 - k. WOW steering committee membership.
 - l. Town Hall, Engagement Panel, and other Honors Engaged activities; WOO pairing and training.
 - m. Five-year assessment plan reviewed Feb. 5
 2. Personnel change
 - a. Marcy Brown gave notice in the last week of last semester.
 - b. Conversations about replacement with Senior Vice Provost are ongoing, though there has been assurance that our need for the position is evident.
 - c. In the final week of fall semester, many pages of work aids developed and over ten hours of meetings taped.
 - d. Course book, Honors Day, admissions processing, grad audit and grades, have all been spread out among rest of staff to cover that office

while it is vacant. Provost's office is dealing with payroll, purchasing, and personnel.

B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships– Jason

1. Slate
 - a. Honors applications processing
2. National Fellowships
 - a. 21 students attended workshops
3. McKearn
 - a. ILAS 440H cultural competency course
4. Scholarships
 - a. External reviewer training
 - b. Rubric updated to match questions
5. SPS Committee (SPS dependent scholarship chair)
 - a. SPS scholarship website and application updated

C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye

1. Advising
 - a. Orientation
 - i. Virtual Group Advising Sessions
 - a. January 6 & 7, 2021
 - b. Honors Engaged – 2020/2021
 - i. Approved - 156
 - ii. Denied – 19
2. Capstones
 - a. 40 Submitted +4 completing projects from fall 2020 semester
 - b. Mentoring Workshop – Dr. Radasanu January 27, 2021
 - i. First of a series of 3 workshops
 - a. February 25, 2021 - Tips for Successful Capstone Presentations
 - b. March 22, 2021 - Publishing your Capstone
 - c. Working with Gail Jacky (Writing Center) on sessions for students completing capstones next year
3. In-Course Contracts
 - a. 33 Submitted
4. Honors Fellows
 - a. Evaluations
 - b. Discord Server live February 1, 2021
 - c. SIU Leadership Exchange – Week of February 22nd
 - i. Flipgrid & Zoom
 - ii. 9 Fellows will participate
5. Honors Ambassadors – Pilot Program Spring 2021
 - a. Focus - Marketing and Recruitment
 - b. Four students selected

6. Campus Conversations
 - a. College of Education January 27, 2021 – Linda & Edye
 - b. Presentation to Admissions January 25, 2021 – Dr. Radasanu & Edye
7. Other Tasks
 - a. Grades
 - b. Native Recruitment
 - c. Add HON courses for fall 2021
 - d. Fall 2021 Course Book

D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie

1. Events
 - a. CODE workshops, Thursdays at 2pm
 - b. Stress Management & Mental Health 2/9 3pm
 - c. Serving Up Knowledge 2/16 12:30pm
 - d. Alumni & Friends trivia 2/25 8pm
2. Luminary
 - a. Reviewing articles, still collecting a few more outstanding
3. Newsletter
 - a. Should go out by the end of the month

IV. Old Business

- a. None

V. Comments from the Floor

VI. New Business

- a. Discord-grouping to build community in Honors, just something to think about in the future along with these other topics that were mentioned.
 - i. Mentoring
 - ii. Newsletter from Fellows
 - iii. Honors UNIV model

VII. Adjournment