

Honors Committee Minutes

April 2nd, 2021

1:30pm-3:30pm

380th meeting

Approved

Voting Members Present: Bill Cassidy (LAS), Lily Derain (STU), DeVonte Fuller (STU), Dave Gorman (BC), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS), Jeremy Levine (STU), Dee Anna Phares (LIB), Leslie Sassone (EDU), Cameron Simpson (STU)

Voting Members Absent: Andrew Ceralde (STU), Barbara Gonzalez (LAS), Nick Pohlman (EET), Barton Sharp (BUS), Rosa Sifuentes (STU), Ches Thurber (LAS)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu (Honors)

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

Others Present: Linda Condon (Honors), Edye Cowan (Honors), Jason Goode (Honors), Patty Lee (Honors), Connie Storey (Honors)

I. Approval of Agenda

Sassone moved, Gorman second, motion passed

II. Approval of Minutes from March 5th, 2021

Fuller moved, Simpson second, motion passed

III. Staff Reports

A. Director – Andrea

The attachments for our meetings are located in Teams under Honors Committee.

1. Notable ongoing projects

- a. Admissions/recruitment/yield activities including two events with new Honors Ambassadors. Virtual mock class being conducted through professors and three Honor students. Invitation through Slate.
- b. Honors Day/Phi Kappa Phi ceremonies – Honors Day ceremony is located in Zoom at [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucOCvqzoqHt3RiXZ3LcPWBbFCTRnlo0hB? x zm_rtaid=GPeZbzu9Tf-IxsWlftpIWQ.1618272434236.0915ce56d31c05356f0ef20ae5d25a7c& x zm_rhtaid=578](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUucOCvqzoqHt3RiXZ3LcPWBbFCTRnlo0hB?xzm_rtaid=GPeZbzu9Tf-IxsWlftpIWQ.1618272434236.0915ce56d31c05356f0ef20ae5d25a7c&xzm_rhtaid=578) on April 18 at 5 p.m.
- c. Maximize tracking with less labor hours
 - i. Using Slate for tracking
 - ii. Improving Admissions process
 - iii. Improving Orientation process
 - iv. Improving Onboarding process

- v. Connect
 - d. Management of OSEEL; preparation of course-based student research proposal
 - e. Seminar management/department negotiations
 - f. Service learning/LAS
 - g. Civic engagement/institutional level as well as Honors
 - h. Budget planning
 - i. Enrollment in Honors Program is up 18%
- B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships – Jason
 - 1. National Fellowships
 - a. Application Essentials workshop part 2 which focused on resumes, social media presence, and letters of recommendations
 - b. Matt McCoy was selected for the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program and alum Lena Grayab was selected for NSF
 - 2. Research Funding Presentations
 - a. Honors Scholars (1) & EYE Grant (1)
 - 3. Honors Applications – Was able to scale down the process.
 - a. Slate training
 - b. Transitioned the Access database to an Excel database
 - 4. McKearn
 - a. New fellow recruitment – Interviewed about 7 students
 - b. Enrichment funds
 - 5. CODE Workshops
 - 6. Honors Scholarships – Getting the awards ready. There were 93 completed reviews by alumni.
- C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye
 - 1. Advising
 - a. Admitted Student Day – March 20, 2021
 - i. Presentation – Andrea and Edye did three presentations with attendance of 19 students
 - ii. Fellows monitored chat on Platform Q
 - b. Huskie Highlights – March 31, 2021 7:00-8:00 p.m. Fellows, Devonte, and one student in attendance
 - c. Progress audit – Linda sent emails to all Honor Program students on their progress in the program
 - d. Registration – Starts April 5, 2021
 - e. Taft Planning – No overnight but planning two sessions each on Thursday and Friday. Included will be lunch and a hike. Will invite faculty to come to this event.
 - f. Orientation for summer/fall 2021 begins April 9, 2021 – Working with Ted to plan an easier way to track information
 - g. Upcoming events

- i. College of Business – April 3, 2021 – Edye will mention Honors at the event
 - ii. Associate University Honors Celebration – April 8, 2021
 - iii. Admitted Student Day – April 10, 2021
 - iv. Honors Day – April 18, 2021
 - v. Open House – April 24, 2021
- 2. Honors Engaged – 2020-2021
 - a. Approved – 199
 - b. Denied – 19
 - c. 2019-2020 had 143 students
- 3. Capstones
 - a. Publishing your Capstone Workshop – March 22, 2021 presented by Andrea
 - b. Capstone Boot Camp – Gail Jacky has been working on series with 27 students in attendance
 - c. Outstanding Capstones and Capstone Mentors – Deadline April 2, 2021
 - d. Final Capstone Submission – Deadline April 25, 2021
- 4. Honors Fellows
 - a. Serving up Knowledge – April 6, 2021 – DeVonte taking lead on it
 - b. Training for new and returning Fellows – April 23, 2021
- 5. Honors Ambassadors
 - a. JobsPLUS – April 1, 2021 6-7:00 p.m. – Around six students in attendance
 - b. Admitted Student Mock Seminars – April 15, 2021 – Presented by three faculty members

D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie

- 1. Events
 - a. Serving Up Knowledge April 6 12:30 p.m. – Hosted by Fellows
 - b. Honors Day April 18 5 p.m.
 - c. Alumni & Friends trivia April 22 8 p.m. – Zoom on Earth Day
- 2. Luminary
 - a. Still waiting on one article
- 3. Newsletter
 - a. Alumni letter should go out by the middle of the month and the last Faculty letter will go out at the end of the month

IV. Old Business

- A. None

V. New Business

- A. Honors Scholar application – Aaron Manz
Motion DeVonte to accept the candidate, second Gorman, motion passed.

- VI. Comments from the Floor
- A. Little interaction with Zoom – Students usually send an email to the professor with their concerns and receives a solution.
 - B. Students enjoyed the engaged experience requirements through the Honors Program.
 - C. Spread the news to the students that priority registration begins on Monday
 - D. Trying to setup a Management seminar
 - E. Students have to reapply each year
 - F. College of Ed wants another person to be on this committee.
 - G. No May meeting so will communicate by email about the EYE grant(s)
 - H. Someone was selected to represent the Health and Human Sciences in Honors Committee for next school year

- VII. Adjournment – 2:15 p.m.
Jeremy moved, Deanna second, adjourned by logging off.