

University Honors Program Honors Committee – Agenda

9/4/2020 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
Teams online meeting
374th Meeting
Minutes
Approved

Voting Members Present: Bill Cassidy (LAS), Barbara Gonzalez (LAS), Dave Gorman (BC), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS), Dee Anna Phares (LIB), Nick Pohlman (EET), Leslie Sassone (EDU), Ches Thurber (LAS)

Voting Members Absent: Bart Sharp (BUS)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb

Others Present: Marcy Brown (Honors), Linda Condon (Honors), Edye Cowan (Honors), Jason Goode (Honors), Connie Storey (Honors)

- I. Election of new Honors Committee faculty chair
Sassone nominated Nick Pohlman, Hryhorczuk second. Motion passed
- II. Approval of Agenda
Sassone moved to approve agenda, Gonzalez second. Motion passed
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 1st, 2020
Sassone moved to approve Minutes, Hryhorczuk second, Cassidy, Gorman, Phares, Thurber abstained. Motioned passed.
- IV. Staff Reports
 - a. Director – Andrea
 - i. Enrollment numbers
 1. Enrollment – re-registration, admissions FY21, orientation results.
 - ii. Annual Report
 1. Please view the annual report completed in June, which details outcomes for last fiscal year, and goals going forward.
 - iii. Summer update
 1. Transfer articulations updated with Kishwaukee and established with Elgin Community College.
 2. Alumni efforts to reengage underway: monthly newsletter, monthly trivia nights, two upcoming events planned in coordination with JobsPLUS

3. Emphasis on building engagement opportunities. Highlight: brand new civic engagement suite.
 4. Revamped fellows roles
 5. Clarification of departmental versus university honors under way
 6. Advising changes: working towards stronger partnerships with college advising; evaluation by appointment, etc.
 7. Welcoming students in three parts (lagoon, Honors Hacks virtual, engagement panel).
 8. Honors Faculty Fellows participated in online development.
- iv. Other Ongoing Business/ Plans.
 1. Five-year assessment plan
 2. Honors grading – no policy changes suggested, but, rather, creating resources.
 3. New round of Honors Faculty Fellowship plans.
- b. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships– Jason
 - i. National Fellowships
 1. Developed a plan for national fellowships workshops
 2. NSF GRFP – working with 3 prospective applicants
 3. Fellowship committee
 - ii. McKearn
 1. ILAS 440H Research class & partnership w/ OSEEL
 - a. Amanda Pollock
 - b. Grant Goral
 - c. Leif Verace
 - d. Rebekah Gonzalez
 - e. Kyle Thadani
 2. McKearn Newsletter
 - iii. Scholarships
 1. Honors Council Scholarships (HCIR and NCHC) added to website
 - iv. Honors Scholars
 1. Isabella Guizzetti
 2. Cameron Clark
 3. Jill Belluomini
 - v. Lincoln Laureate
 1. Adapted process to be run through Honors
 2. Developed new website to allow for easier candidate nomination
- c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye
 - i. Advising
 1. Summer Orientation
 - a. Group Advising 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. every Orientation Session
 - b. Joined the Program - Freshman = 153, Transfers = 85

- c. Live Chats
 - d. Virtual Open House
 - 2. Honors Engaged
 - a. Pending – 48
 - b. Approved - 167
 - c. Denied - 16
 - 3. In-Course Contracts & Capstone Proposals
 - a. Deadline – September 6, 2020 11:59 p.m. CT
 - b. Workshops Continue this Week
 - 4. Honors Fellows 12 students
 - a. Virtual Training – August 18, 2020
 - b. Work 3 hour shifts in person
 - c. 2 hour virtual shift each week
 - i. Study Groups
 - ii. Mentoring
 - 5. Honors Retreat
 - a. Virtual Faculty Panels
 - i. Transfer – 14 students
 - ii. Freshman – 40 students
 - b. Lagoon (4 sessions)
 - i. Thursday, August 20, 2020
 - 1. Session 1- 25 students
 - 2. Session 2 - 16 students
 - ii. Friday, August 21,2020
 - 1. Session 3 – 29 - students
 - 2. Session 4 – 16 - students
 - ii. Marketing & Instructional Materials - Linda
 - 1. Barrel Fold Brochure
 - 2. Honors Handbook
- d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie
 - i. Trips/Events
 - 1. Student & Alumni NIU trivia 8/27
 - 2. Honors Engagement Panel 8/31
 - 3. Applying to grad school 9/10
 - 4. Zumba 9/11
 - 5. Virtual Admissions Partnerships Fair 9/17
 - 6. Alumni & Friends trivia night 9/24
 - 7. Scholarship workshop 9/25
 - 8. Lunch & Learn with Susan Caplan 9/28
 - ii. Luminary
 - 1. https://issuu.com/northernillinoisuniversity/docs/luminary_magazine_fall_2019_spring_2020
 - iii. Faculty Newsletter-last week of August

- iv. Office Hours
 - 1. I will be in the Honors Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays (some Fridays too) I will also be available virtually daily from 8:00am-4:30pm.

- V. Old Business
 - a. None

- VI. New Business
 - a. Proposal re requirements for courses outside the major
 - i. Is Associate University Honors still feasible with 3 outside major requirements?
 - ii. What level do we help professional departments receive Honors Designator?
 - iii. Hryhorczuk moved to accept the change in number of courses outside major, Sassone second. Motion passed
 - b. Seminar theme for 21-22.
 - i. Creativity
 - ii. Justice
 - iii. Resilience
 - iv. Sustainability
 - c. Faculty resources sub-group
 - i. Dee Anna Phares, Leslie Sassone, Bart Sharp
 - ii. Native Recruitment
 - 1. Reach out to Honors Committee to help recruit native students.

- VII. Comments from Floor
 - i. None

- VIII. Adjournment
 - Adjourned by logging off.