

Honors Committee Agenda
October 2nd, 2020
1:30pm-3:30pm
375th meeting
Minutes
Approved

Voting Members Present: Andrew Ceralde (STU), Barbara Gonzalez (LAS), Bart Sharp (BUS), Bill Cassidy (LAS), Ches Thurber (LAS), David Gorman (BC), Dee Anna Phares (LIB), Jeremy Levine (STU), Leslie Sassone (EDU), Lily Derain (STU), Nick Hryhorczuk (HHS), Nick Pohlman (EET), Rosa Sifuentes (STU)

Voting Members Absent: Cameron Simpson (STU)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb

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

- I. Approval of Agenda
Gorman moved to approve agenda, Phares second. Motion passed
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 2nd, 2020
Hryhorczuk moved to approve minutes, Gorman 2nd, Motion passed
- III. Staff Reports
 - a. Director – Andrea
 - i. Graduation study (June 2020)
 1. Please view the graduation study complete during the summer (supplementary to the annual report).
 - ii. Notable ongoing projects:
 1. New graduate partnership with KNPE
 2. Faculty fellowship call for proposals launched.
 3. Civic Engagement Project a great success with, for example, 40 students currently enrolled in the Website Once Over partnership with DCNP; alumni panel.
 4. Foundation plans for gifts we are prioritizing.
 5. Five-year assessment plan in the works, due this fall.
 6. Faculty community building (Teams, Blackboard).
 7. Admissions application overhaul.
 8. Holistic versus automatic admission criteria research to be presented at NSFMIH (National Society for Minorities in Honors) in October.
 9. Pursing online forum for hosting symposia.

10. Pursuing outside the major catalog change through BC, and working out the transfer changes needed.
11. Managing R and R challenges to the audit as we slowly shift from classic to PLUS

b. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships– Jason

- i. National Fellowships
 1. What Are National Fellowships? (workshop)
 2. Dear Future Colleague (DFC) resources
 3. Advertisement in the weekly update and NIU calendar in collaboration with Honors Fellows
- ii. McKearn
 1. One-on-one meetings
- iii. Scholarships
 1. NCHC app submitted for student of the year
- iv. SPS Committee
 1. SPS dependent scholarship chair
- v. Lincoln Laureate
 1. Collected applications
 2. Updated evaluation sheet and sent to the review committee
 3. Scheduled candidate interviews

c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye

- i. Advising
- ii. Recruitment
 1. Native Students - Group Advising 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. 9/23 & 9/29
 2. Navigate Appointment campaign
- iii. NIU Advising Events
 1. Virtual Future Huskie Day - 9/26/20
 2. Virtual Open House - 10/12/20
- iv. Honors Engaged – Fall 2020
 1. Approved - 36
 2. Denied - 1
- v. In-Course Contracts & Capstone Proposals
 1. ICCs Submitted - 34
 2. Capstones Submitted – 24 total - 22 new, 2 completing from last year
 - a. Fostering the Mentoring Relationship Workshop 9/23/20
 - b. Possible Tips for Publishing/Presentations Workshop in the future
- vi. Honors Fellows
 1. Virtual Work Only 9/14 – 9/25
 2. Virtual Advising
 - a. Appointments for Returning Fellows

- b. Virtual Advising Practice for New Fellows
 - 3. Virtual Office Hours
 - 4. Mentoring
 - a. Groups of 12-13 Honors students
 - b. Email – typically once a week
 - vii. Met with Advisors in Engineering and Liberal Arts and Sciences
 - 1. Completion Plans
 - 2. Conversation regarding support of Honors students, courses, other issues
 - viii. Adding KNPE MSAT to Graduate Partnerships
- d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie
 - i. Trips/Events
 - 1. Student & Alumni NIU trivia 9/24
 - 2. Scholarship workshop 9/25
 - 3. Lunch & Learn with Susan Caplan 9/30
 - 4. Faculty Fellow Brown Bag 10/1
 - 5. Virtual Yoga 10/2
 - 6. Taft reunion 10/8
 - ii. Faculty Newsletter-last week of September
 - iii. Luminary
 - 1. Article ideas, spotlights, submissions
 - iv. Office Hours
 - 1. I will be in the Honors Office on Mondays and Wednesdays in October or available virtually 8:00am to 4:30pm daily.

IV. Old Business

- a. Faculty fellowship call for proposals (creativity! is the theme)
- b. Pursuing faculty community/resources (Teams, etc.)

V. New Business

- a. Proposal for transfer credit catalog changes.
Sharp moved to approve changes to catalog, Thurber second. Motion passed.

VI. Comments from Floor

- a. Rod Moyer commented on a Non-Honors related personal experience he had on Campus.

VII. Adjournment

Sharp moved to adjourn, Gorman second. Motion passed