

Honors Committee Agenda  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
1:30pm-3:30pm  
376<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Minutes  
Approved

- I. Approval of Agenda  
Sassone moved, Fuller second. Motion passed
- II. Approval of Minutes from October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
Levine moved, Gorman second. Motion passed
- III. Staff Reports
  - a. Director – Andrea
    - i. Admission study
      1. Presented at National Society for Minorities in Honors (October 22)
      2. Chosen to present at APLU first Honors conference November 8<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Notable ongoing projects:
      1. Faculty fellowship call for proposals ongoing; much outreach to faculty, speaking at various faculty senates, etc.
      2. Civic Engagement Project ongoing; major partnerships with JobsPLUS, DCNP, Career Services and others.
      3. Five-year assessment plan complete and accepted for oral review. Ensuring that all the unit is ready to execute on assessment promises.
      4. Faculty community building (Teams, Blackboard) ongoing. Created the venue; need ideas to market and grow.
      5. Purchased online symposium; creating first event for end of fall semester.
      6. Successfully got the outside the major catalog changes through BC, and they were effective immediately.
      7. Managing R and R challenges to the audit as we slowly shift from classic to PLUS. This is ongoing.
      8. Admissions overhaul: transfer to Slate. In conjunction, new plans for yield activities: outreach to high schools, invitations to sit in on classes, etc.
      9. Spring planning for co-curricular planning: ambassador program among others.
      10. Outreach to community colleges ongoing. Triton College agreement currently being outlined and negotiated.

- b. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships– Jason
  - i. National Fellowships
    - 1. Application Essentials and The Personal Statement(workshop)
    - 2. Fellowship advisory committee meeting to discuss candidate evaluation and institutional nomination moving forward
  - ii. McKearn
    - 1. Enrichment fund applications
  - iii. Scholarships
    - 1. Launched the annual recruitment process for external honors scholarship reviewers
  - iv. SPS Committee (SPS dependent scholarship chair)
    - 1. SPS scholarship contract and historical procedures
  - v. Lincoln Laureate
    - 1. Interviews and candidate selection
    - 2. Meet and greet
  - vi. Mortar Board
    - 1. Virtual induction of students and honorary member NIU President Lisa Freeman, D.V.M., Ph.D.
    - 2. New treasurer training
  
- c. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Linda
  - i. Advising
    - 1. Priority Registration began November 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 2. -162 advising appointments in October, 97 of which were in the last two weeks prior to registration
  - ii. Navigate Campaign
    - 1. -Targeting our “conditional” admit students.
    - 2. -43 total students that had not made advising appointments
    - 3. -13 students have made appointments via the campaign outreach
  - iii. Advising Survey
    - 1. -86 total responses (80 were extremely satisfied)
  - iv. Honors Engaged – Fall 2020
    - 1. -Approved - 58
    - 2. -Denied - 3
  - v. Honors Fellows
    - 1. -Participated in a marketing admissions video
  - vi. Met with Advisors in Health and Human Sciences
    - 1. -Completion Plans
    - 2. -Conversation regarding support of Honors students, courses, other issues
  - vii. Junior Audit
    - 1. -Proactively audited program progress completion and emailed out to students
  
- d. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie

- i. Events
  - 1. Virtual Mindfulness 11/19 or 11/20
  - 2. Take home craft (coloring and/or stress gloves supplies)
- ii. Faculty Newsletter: mid-November
- iii. Luminary
- iv. Articles assigned, first deadline is Thanksgiving
- v. Office Hours
  - 1. I will be in the Honors Office on Mondays and Wednesdays in November or available virtually 8:00am to 4:30pm daily.

IV. Old Business

- a. None

V. New Business

- a. Admissions study presentation (with Greg Barker)

VI. Comments from Floor

None

VII. Adjournment

Levine motioned, Simpson second. Motion approved