I. Approval of Agenda
Sassone moved, Sharp second. Motion passed

II. Approval of Minutes from November 6th, 2020
Gorman moved, Fuller second. Motion passed

III. Staff Reports
A. Director – Andrea
   i. Admission study
      a. Presented results at APLU Honors Council conference Nov. 8th.
      b. Presented to Council of Deans and SEM group
      c. Preparing manuscript for journal submission
   ii. Notable ongoing projects:
      a. Grant writing with APLU Honors Council subgroup -towards collaborative civic engagement activities with member institutions.
      b. Oxford study abroad partnership.
      c. Faculty fellowship outreach. (need subcommittee with a few faculty and at least one student volunteer)
      d. Civic Engagement Project ongoing; major partnerships with JobsPLUS, DCNP, Career Services and others.
      e. Five-year assessment plan complete and accepted for oral review. Scheduling expected for early January.
      f. Successfully got the transfer credit catalog change through the BC.
      g. Admissions overhaul continues: transfer to Slate. In conjunction, new plans for yield activities: outreach to high schools, invitations to sit in on classes, etc. Honors will now sit on the recruitment group.
      h. Spring planning for co-curricular planning: ambassador program among others. This continues.
      i. Research workshop & grad school workshop
      j. Negotiating virtual honors leadership exchange with SIU.
      k. Negotiating grad teaching fellowship possibility with CLAS.
      l. Presidential Scholarships-more reviewers needed (all faculty on committee needed)

B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships– Jason
   i. National Fellowships
a. Letters of Recommendation (workshop)
b. Scholarships workshop with Anne Hardy
c. Gave feedback on personal statements submitted after the application essentials workshop

ii. McKearn
   a. ILAS 440H spring Syllabus

iii. Completed CODE workshops
iv. Panelist in HESA 509 and BKST 202
v. Scholarships
   a. Launched Honors Scholarships
   b. Updated scholarship questions due to NIU being test blind
vi. SPS Committee (SPS dependent scholarship chair)
   a. SPS scholarship updates proposal to SPS committee

vii. Lincoln Laureate
   a. Virtual meet and greet
   b. NIU Today article

C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye

i. Advising
   a. Orientation
      i. Virtual Group Advising Sessions
         1. 11/18, 20,23/20
      ii. Virtual Open House
         1. 11/11/20 & 12/5/20
   b. Honors Engaged – Fall 2020/Spring 2021
      i. Approved - 121
      ii. Denied – 14
   c. Advisor Training - Weeks of November 30, 2020 & December 7, 2020

ii. Capstones
   a. Presentation Help Session – 11/18/20
   b. Virtual presentations on Symposium by ForagerOne
   c. Final project submission deadline - 12/6/20

iii. In-Course Contracts – Email to faculty - 11/30/20

iv. Honors Fellows
   a. Scheduling for spring 2021 semester
   b. Working on Discord Server
   c. Resource for Honors Helping Huskies

v. Conversations with Honors Advisors
   a. Athletics
b. Visual & Performing Arts
c. Academic Advising Center
d. Units in the Office of Undergraduate Studies
e. Campus Centers

D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie
   i. Events
      a. Capstone Presentations 12/1-4
      b. Scholarship STEM Workshop 12/3
      c. Honors Day 12/3
      d. Alumni Holiday trivia 12/10 8pm
   ii. Luminary
      a. Articles assigned, editing first round of articles
      b. All articles due by the end of Finals week
   iii. Newsletter
      a. Went out last week, let me know if you did not see it in the announcements

IV. Old Business
   A. None

V. Comments from the Floor
   A. Great job on Honors day!

VI. New Business
   A. EYE grant competition
      i. McCoy $1000 (Sharp moved, Pohlman seconded-Motion passed)
      ii. Li $800 (Levine moved, Phares seconded-motion passed)
      iii. Clark $300 (Gorman moved, Sharp seconded-motion passed)
      iv. Blanchard $340 for equipment only (Thurber moved, Levine seconded-motion does not pass)
      v. Bravo $1000 (Gorman moved, Simpson seconded-motion passed)
         a. Discussion was had about showing examples online and potentially re-evaluate how we accept applications or what is required to be awarded.

VII. Adjournment