

Honors Committee Agenda
December 4th, 2020
1:30pm-3:30pm
377th meeting
Minutes

- 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 – Edey
 - 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