HONORS COUNCIL OF THE ILLINOIS REGION

2022 SPRING DIRECTORS’ MEETING

March 25, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Teams Meeting Hosted by Joliet Junior College

MEETING MINUTES

Attending: Lisa Higgins (College of DuPage), Sara Schmidt (Eastern Illinois University), Alicia Tomasian (Harper), Jennifer Pauken (Heartland), Al Golden (Joliet Junior College), Jennifer Kimbarovsky (Joliet Junior College), Alicea Toso (Moraine Valley Community College), Jon Hageman (Northeastern Illinois University), Jyotsna Kapur (SIU-Carbondale)

Minutes by: Jennifer Kimbarovsky (Joliet Junior College)

1. Call to order and Introductions
   1. Called to order at 2:03 p.m.
   2. Al Golden provided a welcome to the meeting and thanks for agreeing to meet outside of the HCIR Student Symposium.
   3. Brief introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2021 Meeting
   1. Jon motions to approve minutes, Sara seconds, motion carries
3. 2022 Spring Symposium Recap
   1. Lisa provided an update on the HCIR Student Symposium held February 26, 2022 hosted by the College of DuPage Honors Program. There were about 60 presentations done by 70 student presenters from 14 different colleges. About 150 registered to attend the conference. Had a really good turnout and provided a good online experience for the students (was engaging and fun).
   2. Student run production – Lisa worked on the schedule with them to group and name the panels. Honors Student Advisory Committee, PTK and student workers did the lion’s share of work. Had a welcome and then an icebreaker to connect students by major (provided by student at time of registration) in breakout rooms. Allowed for time to connect with peers outside their schools. Shortened breaks between sessions b/c on Zoom. Provided raffle items – used an electronic wheel (enter student names onto the wheel and then “spin”). If they won they could select a prize.
   3. All presenters will remain on the website as part of the agenda (helps students to provide proof that they participated in the event).
   4. Issue of how to distribute the monetary awards. Checks need to be written and distributed to the winners. To be eligible for a prize, students needed to submit a short essay about their project, from there a group of five faculty read the submissions and ranked them. List of winners should be sent to Linda Clemmons (treasurer) to process checks and distribute to winners.
   5. Student choice awards voted favorite poster and favorite presentation – open to all involved.
   6. Represented HCIR very well this spring. Speaks highly of Lisa’s availability to get students involved and behind it – especially having no administrative assistant to help support.
4. Upcoming Meetings/Conferences – Notes the hosting institution. Whether events are virtual, on-site or both is TBD.
   1. SIUC volunteered to host the Student Symposium in 2024.

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| 2021 | HCIR Fall Directors’ Meeting | September 24 | College of DuPage |
|  | NCHC | October 27-31 | Walt Disney World |
| 2022 | HCIR Student Symposium | February 26 | College of DuPage |
|  | HCIR Fall Directors’ Meeting | September 30 | Eastern Illinois University |
|  | NCHC | November | Dallas, TX |
| 2023 | HCIR Student Symposium | February 25 | Lewis and Clark College |
|  | HCIR Fall Directors’ Meeting | September 29 | Lewis and Clark College |
|  | NCHC | November | Chicago, IL |
| 2024 | HCIR Student Symposium | February 24 | SIUC |

1. Margaret Messer Research Grant
   1. Al presented information shared by Marc Klingshirn about the grant applicants and awards.
   2. Last fall:
      1. 2 applicants
      2. Total amount requested: $1315.00
      3. Total awarded between the two: $820.50
      4. Total amount claimed: $620.50. (One student didn’t claim their award.)
   3. Current spring:
      1. 4 applicants
      2. Total amount requested: $2,184.00
      3. Total amount awarded: TBD. All reviews have come back, Marc will process them and get letters together for the students. Students should receive notifications early next week.
   4. The next round for all applications will go live late August or early September (prior to our next meeting). Please reach out to Marc with any questions.
2. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Will be sent via email to members
3. Report from Ad Hoc Dues Committee (David Rhea, Sara Schmidt, and John Garcia)
   1. Report sent prior to meeting via email
   2. Looked at what trends are related to membership dues and presented two different structures to consider: flat-rate or graduated-rate.
      1. Graduated-rate could be based on being new to organization or perhaps a sustaining institution could provide more)
      2. Group found that 4 of 6 major regions charge $75.00
   3. Discussion about how to determine sustainer institutions as well as how to recognize them for their higher monetary contribution. How will we recognize these sustainers so they can argue for funds to pay a higher cost? Al proposed that one way to recognize a sustainer institution could be to reduce fees for student attendance to HCIR student symposium.
   4. Jon suggested fees predicated on the size of the program – pay based on the size of your program. This was considered – but then the idea of policing becomes potentially an issue. It is the academic model where as you earn more your fees for professional organizations increase. Could consider using FTE as an option. A program may grow, but the budget may not. FTE would eliminate need for policing, also would not penalize programs that may grow (but their institutional budgets may not).
   5. Wonder what amount makes sense. Discussion that $80 seems prohibitive for some institutions. Years ago the amount of dues was discussed and we decided to raise fees by $8 and people indicated that they would not be able to participate. We ended up losing members. Could we consider an appeals process or a waiver if there were budgetary constraints that make the fee prohibitive?
   6. No vote was scheduled for this meeting – would like the committee to meet again to see if there should be some amendments to the proposal. Try to hold a vote at the fall meeting, if any changes would need to send them out two weeks prior to meeting to be able to hold a vote.
4. Other Business
   1. Webite
      1. Over the last three years we worked on a way to provide money for professional development. Is that on our website? It is certainly one of the benefits of the organization and we want to highlight that – especially as it relates to seeing value in dues.
      2. There are some other updates that need to be made. Please check information listed on our site ([https://www.honorscouncil.com/](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.honorscouncil.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjkimbaro%40jjc.edu%7C333c68ecd225404ae18d08da0ea6e57e%7C581e94de7e2f4d699d5f791d2fb8f31a%7C0%7C0%7C637838407789822252%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=IBXCIWcrfX3bbUXnYT%2Bsy6WeJBUF4au1jj44bAOazqw%3D&reserved=0)) and send updates to honors@jjc.edu and they will get them updated.
      3. Al will reach out for confirmation about how to access the website.
      4. Look at regionals page – upper Midwest membership page may not be accurate.
   2. Professional development opportunities
      1. Look at NCHC website – there is an assessment conference in Lincoln, NE this summer
   3. Strengthening the case for honors and promoting our programs
      1. Lisa presented to BOT at COD, highlighted relationship to NCHC and HCIR. Demonstrated involvement at a state and national level is a good way to hopefully get more support for your program. Start at 28 minutes and watch until 43 minutes: <https://www.cod.edu/multimedia/bot/archive/2022_02_24_Regular.html>
   4. Meeting during NCHC
      1. Sara submitted a request on our behalf for a business meeting space during NCHC this fall. This meeting is not intended to replace meeting socially as we often do during the conference. Would provide an opportunity to follow up on any new business from our fall meeting. Also a good place to talk about what we will do about professional development, outreach to try to build membership, regionals page on the NCHC website (which is not accurate – we are not currently listed).
   5. Recruiting
      1. Discussed a practice that was discontinued – could have students identify what they get from participation in HCIR that may help with recruitment. Consider asking our students how to spread the word – may already have an app for that. Lisa shared that her students have used discord, groupme, and slack. Students should choose the app because they’re the ones that will use it.
   6. Summer Office Meeting
      1. Consider having an officer’s meeting over the summer to discuss how to advertise HCIR. (QR codes, PDF’s, website).
   7. Next meeting topic idea
      1. How to promote our programs
5. Transition of Leadership
   1. Last official duty for Al. Lisa Higgins, new president of HCIR. Coming in at a great time to make change and usher us forward. Plans to examine ways in which the website could be more robust and include links to videos being made and best practices.
      1. As an example, Lisa shared a project implemented by students (cherry blossom tree). Created tree and birds out of paper and people will sign their name and put something inspirational on the tree. Will have an open house to bring people in and allow for everyone to participate. Will work to also get an article written about it. Al discussed a similar student led project at JJC completed years ago around suicide awareness. We need to harness the creativity and drive of students
   2. Lisa and Sara will meet over the summer. Please email any ideas you have to Lisa.
   3. Sara Schmidt is the new VP and looking forward to working with everyone – on record saying this is a nice group.
6. Adjournment
   1. Jon moved to adjourn, Alicea seconds, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.