HONORS COUNCIL OF THE ILLINOIS REGION

2021 FALL DIRECTORS’ MEETING

September 24, 2021, 8:30 A.M.

Zoom Meeting Hosted by COD

MEETING MINUTES

Attending: David Rhea (Governors State), Rocio Rivadeneyra (Illinois State University), Alicia Tomasian (Harper), Paul Small (Eureka), John Garcia (Harper), Ralph Keen (University of Illinois Chicago), Brady Jones (Univ. of St. Francis), Lisa Higgins (College of DuPage), Aaron James (Illinois Central College), Sarah Diel-Hunt (Heartland), Linda Clemmons (Illinois State University), Marc Klingshirn (University of Illinois, Springfield), Jennifer Pauken (Heartland), Natalie Johnson (National Louis University), Benli Shechter (Daley College), Al Golden (Joliet Junior College), Richard England (Eastern Illinois University), Marc Klingshirn (University of IL, Springfield), Alicea Toso (Morraine Valley Community College), Jyotsna Kapur (SIU-Carbondale), Daniela Barca (Elmhurst University), Jon Hageman (Northeastern Illinois University), Sara Schmidt (Eastern Illinois University), Steve Case (Olivet Nazarene University)

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions
   1. Called to order at 8:36am
   2. Dr. Brian Caputo, President, College of DuPage welcomes us via recording
   3. Dr. Nicole Matos, Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, College of DuPage
   4. Introductions
2. Host Spotlight
   1. Dr. Lisa Higgins, Director, Honors Program, College of DuPage
   2. Lisa shared the Honors Program’s website and other marketing materials.
      1. <https://www.cod.edu/academics/academic_opportunities/honors/index.aspx>
3. Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2021 Meeting
   1. John motions to approve minutes, Ralph seconds, motions carries after two edits
4. Reports:

Treasurer



Messer Grants

* Two applications in the spring. Total amount requested was $600. Only one was funded. The one not funded was student asking for tuition and books which is not what the grant can fund. Today is the due date for this semester’s cycle. As of now, we have two applications for a total of $1350
* Messer: SIU-C student won and used the grant to create a podcast (Atypical Truth)

1. Upcoming Meetings/Conferences – Notes the hosting institution. Whether events are virtual, on-site or both is TBD.

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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 |  |
| 2024 | HCIR Student Symposium | February 24 |  |

* Discussion had about who is going to HCIR and whether institutions are allowing out of state travel.
  + Lisa took a poll to see if folks would be willing to travel with their students to College of DuPage for the spring symposium.
    - Yes-7
    - No-1
    - Not sure- 4
  + Discussion about planning to be in person but things can change.
  + Discussion of various options
* Richard (EIU), Al (JJC), and Jyotsna (SIUC) volunteers to host the 2024 Spring Symposium
* Nobody from Lewis and Clark in attendance so Al will follow up with them about hosting 2023 events
* Discussion about keeping spring director meeting separate (and virtual?) or together and in person.

1. Report and Discussion: The Future of Dues

Dr. David Rhea, Director, Honors Program, Governors State University

* Prior to 2021: $80 dues changed in late 2010s from $50
* In 2021 dues were waived to encourage more participation and acknowledge financial burden of COVID-19. We had 8 new institutions join HCIR since Jan 1
* Members range from large R1 and private institutions to small rural community colleges.
* Conference $50 for first 5 participants + $10 beyond. No conference fees in 2021 since it was virtual.
* Dues at regional honors councils
  + Western: $75
  + Great plains
    - First year: $25
    - Regular: $50
    - Sustainer (for institutions with ability to pay more than minimum): $100
  + Mideast: $75
  + Northeast: $200 (conference in a hotel in major city; registration is $335)
  + Southern: $75
* State councils
  + $25-120
* Discussion about differential dues and the right amount.
* Committee to examine dues and bring forth a proposal:
  + Sara Schmidt, David Rhea, John Garcia
* Dues reminder will still be sent in January as any dues structure changes will not go into effect until 2023

1. Leadership Selection for 2021-2022
   1. Linda Clemmons was nominated for the secretary-treasurer. John Garcia made the motion to have Linda serve in the role. Rocio Rivadeneyra seconded. Linda was unanimously elected as secretary-treasurer
   2. Marc Klingshirn nominated himself as grants officer. John Garcia moved to elect Marc. Alicia Tomasian seconded. Marc was elected unanimously as grants office
   3. Sara Schmidt self-nominated for VP. Lisa Higgins made motion. John Garcia seconded. Sara was unanimously elected as VP.
2. 2022 Spring Symposium
   1. We had that conversation earlier in the meeting.
3. Discussion and Idea Exchange: Marketing Honors in the Age of COVID
   1. Timing of meetings is more flexible when virtual. Can do evenings, etc.
   2. Students have screen/zoom fatigue and many prefer to be in person and back to day time meetings.
   3. Outreach to career center. Emailing all students who apply to the college. Just because they don’t qualify for the program now, does not mean they won’t in the future and maybe the promise of Honors admissions will motivate the student.
   4. Can dual enrolled students be in Honors Program?
      1. Al talked about having been asked to having an Honors cohort who are dual credit, but he saw it as problematic as they are doing course at high school so they are not connected. Instead he focused on students who are taking courses ON college campus.
   5. Students struggling burnout
4. Other Business
   1. Rocio said good bye and thank you

X. Adjournment

* Meeting adjourned at 11:48am