Minutes for the

HONORS COUNCIL OF THE ILLINOIS REGION

2018 FALL DIRECTORS’ MEETING

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

HONORS PROGRAM BUILDING 113

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

Attending: Lisa Higgins—COD; Richard England—EIU; David Rhea—GSU; John Garcia—Harper; Alicia Tomasian—Harper; Rocio Rivadeneyra—ISU; Adam Oldaker—IVCC; Branden McCullough—Kishwaukee; Marne Bailey—Lewis; Christopher Strangemen--MacMurray; Todd Gilson—NIU; Ralph Keen—UIC; Michele McCrillis—UIC; Mark Klingshirn—UIS; Richard Hardy—WIU.

The meeting was called to order at 9:17a.m. Rocio welcomed all of us and introduced Dr. Jan Murphy, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Illinois State University. Dr. Murphy asked all of us to introduce ourselves and provided a warm welcome.

Cursory minutes for the February 24, 2018 were provided by Richard England and discussion of whether these reflected the meeting was discussed as the secretary wasn’t at the meeting to take official minutes. Alicia Tomasian needs to be added to the attendance.

The discussion of the minutes led to a discussion into about the Spring Symposium and the structure of it. Alicia Tomasian appreciated having the directors meeting after the symposium because of the time it allowed for professors to view the posters. Others preferred it at lunch because of travel times. Also, Lisa Higgins requested that the abstracts be printed in the program as well.

Motion to approve the minutes for the September 29, 2017 meeting was made by Lisa Higgins and seconded by Rocio Rivadeneyra. The minutes for were approved with minor changes.

The election of officers was discussed because it became obvious that we are in need of electing the secretary/treasurer position and were unsure of who the president and vice president. Marne explained that the vice president is usually director who is hosting the Spring Student Symposium and that in the fall we usually just affirm with a vote the vice president. A list of the duties for the secretary/treasurer jobs was offered by Lisa Hedrick. It was asked whether the secretary/treasurer positions could be separated but to do this in a formal manner requires a change in the bylaws. It has been done unofficially in the past.

John Garcia took on the website, with great appreciation from the group. He will speak with Harper’s people to see if they can take on and revise the website. Alicia thought we should take a picture for the website today and/or at the symposium for the website.

No one was stepping forward to due the secretary/treasurer’s duties, especially after it was explained how the account works. Sara Diehl-Hunt is going to check with her business office regarding whether they would be willing to assist. A motion was made by All Golden to nominate Rocio Rivadeneyra and Sara Diehle-Hunt as co-secretary/treasurer and that they have the right to separate the duties as works best for them. Rick Hardy called the question and the vote was unanimous.

The duties of the Grant Officer were discussed and Mark Klingshirn was nominated for the Grant officer and unanimously elected.

John Garcia asked that I send him all of the information regarding grants, meeting dates, and any other information that has been updated so we can just recreate the website. Rick Hardy asked what would we like to see on the website – suggestions included by-laws, minutes, meeting dates and times, photos, member list, officers.

A discussion of the Spring Symposium occurred in terms of numbers of people attending and presenting. Adam Oldaker asked if we could move the symposium to Friday because his students are reluctant to participate on a Saturday. It was concluded that we would return to having a closing at the end of the symposium where students would receive a certificate for participation and a snack for the road. This would be the forum where the 4 year institutions could provide information to students from the 2 year institutions about transferring into Honors at their institutions.

Rick Hardy asked why we don’t list the Upper Midwest Regional Honors conference. WIU is the only IL school participating. He was advocating for more of us to participate. Consensus was to add the meetings of the Upper Midwest Regional Honors conference onto our minutes.

John Garcia provided an update on the attempt to get information collated regarding the agreements for accepting honors students from 2 year institutions into honors at 4 year institutions. The link to the site: [www.harpercollege.edu/academics/honors/transfer.php](http://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/honors/transfer.php). John asked that all of us check this document out to insure that the information about our Honors programs is accurate and that we are listed as having an agreement if wanted. The institutions listed are ones that have ‘handshake’ agreements, and not written agreements.

Lisa Higgins provided information regarding Honors updates for COD. She shared that COD’s Honors Student Advisory Committee and Phi Theta Kappa are hosting an Ice Cream Social and Information Tabling where representatives from different Honors programs will be there with information. She extended invites for all of us to attend. She also shared the course listings for COD’s honor courses.

There was no Treasurer’s Report

Honors Program Spotlight: Honors Redefined at Illinois State University. Rocio provided an overview of the design of the ISU Honors program, how it is structured around 6 different dimensions, and how there are 6 different components of the Honors program that address the different dimensions.

X. Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

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| 2018 | HCIR Student Symposium | February 24 | Eastern Illinois University |
|  | HCIR Fall Directors’ Meeting | September 28 | Illinois State University |
|  | NCHC Annual Conference | November 7-11 | Boston, MA |
| 2019 | HCIR Student Symposium | February 23 | Harper College |
|  | HCIR Fall Directors’ Meeting | September 27 | City Colleges - Cassandra |
|  | NCHC Annual Conference | November 6-10 | New Orleans, LA |
| 2020 | HCIR Student Symposium | February 29 | University of St. Francis |
|  | HCIR Fall Directors’ Meeting | September 25 | JJC |
|  | NCHC |  | Dallas, TX |

LUNCH BREAK

XII. Other?

XIII. Adjournment