Minutes for the

HONORS COUNCIL OF THE ILLINOIS REGION

2019 SPRING DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Harper College

February 23, 2019

**Treasurer’s Report** was passed out by Sarah Diel-Hunt and reviewed by the members.

Outgoing President Richard Englund gave some brief remarks.

John Gatcia reviewed the new HCIR website and asked for feedback. The following suggestions were made:

* Some small language adjustments are needed: “Minutes from September” need to be changed to “Minutes from Fall Director’s Meeting, Fall 2017.”
* The 2019 Fall Director’s Meeting now says “Cassandra” as host, and this needs removed. Also, the specific location within the City Colleges needs clarified.
* People suggested adding Student Symposium pictures
* It was suggested that links to Honors Programs be added
* It was suggested that emails should be hyperlinked

There was a discussion of the **Margaret Messer Research Grant**:

It was decided that there was for the limit of $2,000 in approved funding in a year, since the guidelines are “no more than half the declining budget,” so we should stay with that.

It was also decided that the research officer could decide how best to evaluate the merits of the proposals and only ones with merit would be funded, regardless of the funds available.

The broader conversation of the grant brought up additional issues:

John Garcia made a motion to form an ad hoc group made up of Alicia Tomasian, Mary Kay Mulvaney, and [can’t read my writing] to refine the application language to make clear that funding for research presentation is acceptable. [did this motion get approved?]

A proposal was made to consider making presentation at HCIR a criterion for funding. To be discussed at the Fall Director’s Meeting

A proposal was made that we should also establish a grant to fund Coordinator Professional Development, especially travel to NCHC. To be discussed at the Fall Director’s Meeting

Also to be done at Fall Director’s Meeting: Review Minutes for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019.