

University Honors College Council Micro Retreat

Thursday, August 27, 2020

3:45pm to 5:00pm

Location: Zoom

Minutes

Prepared by Kimberly Engber

In Attendance

Present: Nathan Filbert (chair) – University Libraries; Patrick Bondy – LAS Humanities; Roy Myose – Engineering; Douglas Parham– Health Professions; Holger Meyer – LAS Math/Natural Sciences; Elaine Bernstorf– Fine Arts; Samantha Gregus – LAS Social Sciences; Atul Rai – Engineering; Jessi Raburn – Honors Advisor; Kimberly Engber – Honors Dean

Abby Sheahan – Vice Chair; Analisa Bridge – Director of Records; Tyler Stice – Treasurer; Emma Carter – Director of Outreach; Jacquelyn Martinez – Director of Diversity Initiatives; Jadie Chauncey – Director of Recruitment; Jacob Tubach – SGA Senator; Ella Ihrig – SGA Senator; Skylar Russell – Honors LLC RA; Emma Ahrenholtz – WHEAT Student Organization

Meeting Handouts

- College Calendar
- Proposed University Honors College Council meetings 2020-21

Discussion

Your Superpower, Our Superpowers – Break Out Rooms

Small groups discussed individual “superpowers” then each group selected one superpower for the group. A presenter shared with the whole group. Group superpowers:

- Communication
- Problem-Solving
- Stopping Time
- Caring for others

Equity and Empathy Library (Nathan Filbert, faculty council chair)

Purpose

- Disseminate our college goals
- Outreach
- Legacy- Houses select books, Senior class proposes and selects book/material, etc.

Feedback

- Emma Ahrenholtz– Likes it.
- Ella Ihrig– Could we pull the induction book into that collection?

- Jessi Raburn – Loss if it's located in the library rather than Shocker Hall? Could it rotate out in some way?
- Cali Keith– What qualifies a piece for the collection? How does the selection happen?
- Patrick Bondy– Great idea. Was thinking about the question of where to house. Stimulating to have a library within a corner of the college.

Council Ideas/Initiatives/ Priorities for 2020-21 (council chairs and all members)

- Honors Baccalaureate – increase visibility within college and outside college, recruitment, external/community/employers
- How can we remarket/rebrand overall? Considering new holistic admission
- Is there some way to make resources in Honors College available to access 24/7?
 - Q: Dean asked the goal
 - A: Helpful for students to access computers.
- Getting into the Honors college after hours?
- How will current students know that they are able to succeed in Honors? Social media featuring student stories.
- Diversity – how do we take action?
- Dean challenged the councils to help—along with input she will seek from other stakeholders such as faculty, alumni, and employers – to clarify Honors values and outcomes. We need to be proud of outcomes in Honors that are different in some ways from university outcomes. The Dean's goal is to clarify values and outcomes by the end of this year.

College Calendar

(See attached documents)

- Proposed University Honors College Council meeting again October 20th
- Student Town Hall (Sept 16) and Faculty Town Hall (Sept 18) with President Golden

As May Arise

Roy Myose asked about college activities planned to celebrate the university's 125th year. Since Honors represents deeper thinking – what can we do that is interesting or unique.

Ideas:

- Create a book group or virtual reading activity with books from 125 years ago.
- Noted: Invisible Man by H.G. Wells

- Outdoor movie screening of H.G. Wells Invisible Man movie
- Oscar Wilde
- Stephen Crane – The Red Badge of Courage