University Honors Program
Honors Committee Minutes

3/4/2022 @ 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Teams Online Meeting
386th Meeting
Approved

Voting Members Present: Rachel Cormier (STU), Ayanna Johnson (STU), Natalie Joy (CLAS), Melanie Koss (COE), Alicia Larouech (STU), DeeAnna Phares (LIB), Ches Thurber (LAS), Leif Verace (STU), Melissa Walter (CHHS)

Voting Members Absent: Brian Acosta (STU), Jeremy Floyd (CVPA), Trude Jacobsen (CLAS), Nicholas Pohlman (EET), Barton Sharp (BUS)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu (Honors)

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

Others Present: Linda Condon (Honors), Edye Cowan (Honors), Jason Goode (Honors), Patty Lee (Honors), Connie Storey (Honors)

I. Approval of Agenda
Melanie Koss moved, Melissa Walter second, motion passed.

II. Approval of Minutes from February 4th, 2022
Melanie Koss moved, DeeAnna Phares second, motion passed.

III. Staff Reports
A. Director – Andrea
   There are 828 students registered with University Honors
   1. Notable ongoing projects February:
      a. Honors Faculty Fellowship management for 22/23 apps
      b. Course evaluation faculty outreach event (Feb. 24th) which will be distributed towards the end of the semester
      c. Curricular improvements: new HON suite to encompass general education, writing infused, human diversity
      d. Suitable onboarding
      e. Admitted student event planning/Mock Class event with 60 students
      f. CoHE/NCHC proposal; capstone paper completed; HIP proofs completed
      g. New fellowship program planning (Rising Scholars)
h. Spring co-curricular planning – including Barsema leadership workshops
i. PKP/ Honors Day
j. Fundraising; crowdsourcing Taft t-shirts

B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships – Jason
1. National Fellowships
   a. Rising Scholars
      i. Powtoon https://youtu.be/wjcTIO58dIM
      ii. Website launches March 2nd
2. Honors Scholarships
   a. Alumni volunteer update – 107 reviewers
   b. Honors Fellow apps
3. McKearn
   a. Information Session
4. Lincoln Laureate
   a. Updated process and announcement went out 2/28/22
5. CODE Workshops

C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye
1. Advising
   a. Continuing Student Recruitment – virtual sessions
      i. 2/8/22 – 26 students attended
      ii. 2/9/22 – 19 students attended
   b. Student Affairs Presentation 2/15/22
   c. Preview Day 2/21/22 – 100 people
   d. Meeting with COE undergraduate advisors 2/23/22
   e. Upcoming Events
      i. Honors Course Sampler/Admitted Student Event 3/3/22
   f. Fall 2022 Course Book
      i. HON courses entered
      ii. Posted on website mid-March – registration begins 4/4/22
   g. Initial Lorado Taft planning for August
2. Honors Engaged
   a. Applications
      i. Approved – 389
      ii. Denied – 17
   b. Engaged Events
      i. Capstone Boot Camp Workshops – 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31
3. Capstones/ICCs
   a. Capstone final projects Due 5/8/22
   b. Linda will reach out to ICC professors end of semester
4. Honors Fellows
   a. Serving up Knowledge Presentation 2/16/22
b. 2022/2023 Fellows applications reviewed  
c. Evaluations  
d. Honors Lounge

D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie

1. Events
   a. Medieval Times 3/5  
   b. Murder Mystery 3/31  
   c. Honors Bash 5/6

2. Connect
   a. Suitable

3. Luminary
   a. Coming along, please reply to interview requests

4. Newsletter
   a. Will go out after spring break

IV. Old Business
   A. None

V. New Business
   A. Great Professor Award
      Ches Thurber moved to open the discussion, DeeAnna Phares second. Melanie Koss was approved for the award.

VI. Comments from Floor
   A. Discussion on availability of CODE workshops for students

VII. Adjournment at 2 p.m.
    Meeting adjourned by logging off.