

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), Edey 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.