

University Honors Program Honors Committee Minutes

4/1/2022 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
Teams online meeting
387th Meeting
Approved

Voting Members Present: Rachel Cormier (STU), Jeremy Floyd (CVPA), Trude Jacobsen (CLAS), Ayanna Johnson (STU), Melanie Koss (COE), Alicia Larouech (STU), Nicholas Pohlman (EET), Barton Sharp (BUS), Ches Thurber (LAS), Melissa Walter (CHHS)

Voting Members Absent: Brian Acosta (STU), Natalie Joy (CLAS), DeeAnna Phares (LIB), Leif Verace (STU)

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
Barton Sharp moved, Melanie Koss second, motion passed.
- II. Approval of Minutes from March 4th, 2022
Barton Sharp moved, Ches Thurber second, motion passed (Nicholas Pohlman and Trude Jacobsen abstained)
- III. Staff Reports
 - A. Director – Andrea
 1. Congratulations
 - a. Great Professor Award – Melanie Koss
 - b. Presidential Teaching Professor – Nicholas Pohlman
 - c. Excellence in Online Teaching Award – Trude Jacobsen
 2. Honors Day invitation on April 24th at 5 p.m. at the HSC Ballroom
 3. Notable ongoing projects March:
 - a. Exit feedback and survey
 - b. Discuss EYE Grants during May meeting
 - c. Tuition waiver report/ more competitive process going forward.
 - d. Budget FY23 development.
 - e. Suitable onboarding – Connect ready, Engaged component in process

- f. Honors research – Capstone surveying in process (APLU-CoHE); admissions paper #2 in print. HERU presentation in June
- g. Fundraising, crowdsourcing Taft t-shirts, Huskies United next
- h. Braven/Forager partnerships
- i. Honors Day planning, PKP planning

B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships – Jason

- 1. National Fellowships
 - a. Rising Scholars
 - i. Powtoon – <https://youtu.be/wjcTIO58dIM> – He is going to record a voice over to make this accessible.
 - ii. Website launches March 2nd – Waiting for the launch. Have students respond to the Rising Scholars invitation.
- 2. Graduate Reimbursement Fee – 5 Honors Fellows received \$60
- 3. Honors Scholarships
 - a. Alumni volunteer update – 113 reviewers, 111 said they could, but it looks like 4 did not review their apps. 107 reviewers will be an all-time high.
 - b. Honors Fellow apps
 - c. \$250 Enhancement awards (Freshman-Sr)
- 4. McKearn
 - a. Information Session – 4 attendees, 110 apps but 22 are qualified
- 5. Lincoln Laureate
 - a. Updated process and announcement went out 2-28-2022 – No nominations, yet
- 6. CODE Workshops

C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye

- 1. Advising
 - a. Registration begins 4/4
 - b. Transfer Orientation Dates (summer & fall 2022) – 4/12, 4/15, 4/18, 4/20, 4/26
 - c. Upcoming Events
 - i. Huskie Highlights 3/29 6-7 p.m.
 - ii. Admitted Student Days 4/2, 4/23
 - iii. Capstone Boot Camp Workshops – 3/31 3:30-4:30 p.m. from Writing Center
- 2. Honors Engaged
 - a. Applications
 - i. Approved – 429
 - ii. Denied – 18
 - b. Honors Engaged in Suitable
- 3. Capstones

- a. Capstone final projects Due 5/8
 - b. Outstanding Capstone Awards – Nomination deadline 4/11
 - i. https://niu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9TxnsW0kpUFcR2B
 - ii. Students can self-nominate
 - 4. Honors Fellows
 - a. Selected 2022-2023 Fellows
 - i. 4 returning, 8 new
 - ii. Training 5/6
- D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie
- 1. Events
 - a. Murder Mystery 3/31
 - b. Anderson Pool 4/18
 - c. Huskie Den 4/28
 - d. Honors Bash 5/6
 - 2. Connect
 - a. [Suitable](#) – launched today
 - 3. Crowd Fund
 - a. <https://crowdfund.niu.edu/project/30725> – Raised over \$800 with two more weeks to go
- IV. Old Business
- A. Report on honors course evaluation meeting – Students will receive the evaluation each semester
- V. New Business
- A. Presentation Honors Engaged access (Director)
 - 1. 843 students in Honors Program
 - 2. Students can track their accomplishments through Suitable
- VI. Comments from Floor
- A. Jason will collect EYE Grants and send them to the Honors Committee to review.
- VII. Adjournment at 2:44 p.m.
Meeting adjourned by logging off.