

University Honors Program Honors Committee Minutes

11/5/2021 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
Teams online meeting
383nd Meeting
Approved

Voting Members Present: Rachel Cormier (STU), Jeremy Floyd (CVPA), Trude Jacobsen (CLAS), Ayanna Johnson (STU), Natalie Joy (CLAS), Melanie Koss (COE), Alicia Larouech (STU), DeeAnna Phares (LIB), Nicholas Pohlman (EET), Barton Sharp (BUS), Ches Thurber (LAS), Leif Verace (STU)

Voting Members Absent: Brian Acosta and Melissa Walter (CHHS)

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, Barton Sharp second, motion passed.
- II. Approval of Minutes from October 1st, 2021
Melanie Koss moved, Ches Thurber second, motion passed.
- III. Staff Reports
 - A. Director – Andrea Radasanu
 1. Notable ongoing projects this month:
 - a. Spring Honors seminars enrollment updates
 - b. Honors course instructor evaluation consent/course evaluation project – Most faculty approved the evaluations
 - c. Honors Day planning
 - d. Presidential recruitment planning
 - e. Thousands Strong campaign planning
 - i. Honors scholarships and tuition waivers
 - f. 2022 admissions platform updates
 - g. Transfer recruitment planning/two events
 - h. 2020 first-year cohort study
 - i. Capstone project with APLU/defining and rethinking capstones
 - j. Honors students versus non-honors students on COVID experiences (study with PCSW research group)

- k. NCHC conference presentation on 15 institution collaboration (October 2022)
- B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships – Jason Goode
 - 1. Lincoln Laureate
 - a. Meet and Greet – Megan Nordstrom is the winner
 - 2. National Fellowships
 - a. Workshops
 - i. Goldwater STEM and other fellowships 10/7 @ 3 pm
 - ii. Application Essentials and the personal statement 10/21 @ 3 pm
 - 3. Honors Scholarships
 - a. Alumni volunteer program
 - b. Alumni Honors Scholarship – New funds donated from Alumni
 - c. Eligible to enroll lists – Helped six students
 - 4. McKearn
 - a. ILAS 440H
 - i. Workshops and research panel
 - b. Alternative break
 - 5. Honors Ambassadors
 - a. Plan to have recipients be UHP ambassadors by partnering with Connie Storey
- C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye Cowan
 - 1. Advising
 - a. Preview Day – 10/11/21, 11/11/21
 - i. Resource Fair
 - ii. Parent/Student Presentations
 - b. Course Book Posted
 - c. Registration 11/1/21
 - d. Transfer Events
 - i. 10/26/21
 - ii. 11/4/21
 - e. Spring 2022 Orientation – 11/8, 11/17, 11/19, 12/3
 - 2. Honors Engaged
 - a. Applications
 - i. Approved – 181
 - ii. Denied – 9
 - b. Serving Up Knowledge – 10/26/21 – Upcoming Engaged Events
 - i. Honors Spring Break Trip
 - ii. Honors Innovation Exploration
 - iii. Job Shadow
 - iv. Congressional Internship
 - c. Mental Health First Aid – 11/5 & 11/12
 - 3. Capstones

- a. Outstanding Capstone & Capstone Mentor Nominations Due – 11/22/21
- b. Honors Poster Day Event – 12/2/21
 - i. Symposium – Available for viewing November 29 – December 10
 - ii. In-person display – 12/2/21
- 4. Honors Fellows
 - a. Presented to UNIV 101 courses
 - b. SIU/NIU Leadership Exchange moved to 11/8-11/12

D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie Storey

- 1. Events
 - a. Haunted Corn Maze 10/29 – Canceled due to rain
 - b. Serving Up Knowledge 11/2 – Barton Sharp
 - c. Syco Escape Rooms and Northern Axeposure 11/12
 - d. Midterms therapy dogs or Mini Mish and S’mores to go – 31 people
 - e. Finals raffles and treat to go
- 2. Luminary
 - a. Have 2 new co-editors writing articles
- 3. Newsletter
 - a. Will go out mid-month.
 - b. FaceBook – Net proceeds of Honors t-shirts will go towards Thousands Strong campaign 11/10-11

IV. Old Business

- A. None

V. New Business

- A. Subcommittees/volunteers needed:
 - i. Capstone presentation evaluation (Edye Cowan) – Judge virtually through Foragerone from November 29-December 3. Can see projects in person during Honors Day event on 12/2.
 - ii. Honors faculty fellow proposals (Andrea Radasanu) – Evaluate 12-14 proposals
 - iii. Presidential scholarship review (Andrea Radasanu) – Evaluate proposals and interview individuals
 - iv. EYE Grants (Andrea Radasanu) – Funding for honor students (Capstones, Study Abroad, Honors spring break trip, etc.)

VI. Comments from Floor

- A. None

VII. Adjournment at 2:23 p.m.

Barton Sharp moved, Ches Thurber second, motion passed.