

**University Honors Program
Honors Committee Minutes**

2/3/23 @ 1:30-3:30 pm

In-Person/Remote Option available

393rd Meeting

Approved

Voting Members Present: Melissa Fickling (EDU), Jeremy Floyd (CVPA), Ty Galbreath-Taylor (STU), Grant Goral (STU), Hannah Have (STU), Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski (CLAS), Natalie Joy (CLAS-late), Larry Lurio (LAS), Vanessa Olandese (STU), Barton Sharp (BUS), Ches Thurber (CLAS), DeeAnna Phares (ULIB), Nicholas Pohlman (EET), Melissa Clucas Walter (CHHS)

Voting members absent: Diana Alvarez (STU).

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu (Honors)

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

Others Present: Linda Condon (Honors), Edey Cowan (Honors), Connie Storey (Honors), Diane Swanson (Honors)

Meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Grant Goral moved, Larry Lurio second, motion carried.

- II. Approval of Minutes (December 2022 meeting)
 - A. Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski moved, Nick Polman second, motion carried.

- III. Staff Reports –
 - A. Director – Andrea Radasanu
 1. Personnel Changes: Jason Goode left university; Diane Swanson new Aide for Honors and OSEEL. Connie Storey performing scholarship review functions spring 2023. Rehiring Scholarship and Fellowship position.
 2. Projects/News:
 - a. Launched Honors Graduate Fellowship with CLAS.
 - b. NIU Honors Justice Challenge partnership, funded by USDA; launching in fall, student applications opening February. Two co-authored pieces on this effort just accepted for publication at flagship Honors In Practice Journal.
 - c. NCHC external review; documents prepared, interviews completed.
 - d. Honors seminar review under way; general education course review complete.

- e. Launched new effort to recognize faculty teaching (student nominations)
 - f. New civic engagement/community engagement opportunities: WOO, Student Advocacy Day
 - g. First Year Advising – Honors’ role.
 - h. Presidential Scholarship Admitted Student Event (1/25/23)
 - i. Job Shadow Kickoff Event (1/26/23)
 - j. Bylaw change (student representation) – First reading in Faculty Senate (1/25/23); no questions.
- B. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye Cowan
- 1. Advising
 - a. External Review
 - b. Orientation Working Group
 - c. First-Year Advising Subcommittee
 - 2. Suitable
 - 3. Capstones & In-Course Contracts – Proposals due 1/29/23
 - a. Capstones – 39 submitted
 - b. In-Course Contracts – 20 submitted
 - 4. Honors Fellows
 - b. Application Deadline for 2023/2024 Fellows – 1/31/23
 - c. Freshman Mentorship Program
 - i. Spring events
 - ii. Team competition
 - iii. Welcome Back Bowling – 1/31/23
 - 5. Fellows Around Campus
 - 6. Performance Evaluations
- C. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication/Scholarships & Fellowships – Connie Storey
- 1. Scholarships
 - a. Scholarship Reviewer training 1/27
 - b. Scholarships close 1/31
 - c. February 1-28 review applications
 - d. McKearn Fellowships 3/15
 - e. March-notification of number of applications reviewed
 - f. April-notification of scholarship recipient
 - 2. Events
 - a. Popcorn Thursday 1-3pm
 - b. MSI trip 2/4
 - c. Card making for nursing home
 - d. El Jimador fundraiser in March
 - 3. Connect
 - a. Suitable
 - b. Send me events to advertise
 - 4. Instagram

- a. Send me [pictures!](#)
- b. [Student Survey](#)

IV. Old Business –

- A. Status of By-Law Change (student representation) – Andrea attended Faculty Senate for the first reading of the by-laws, presented the proposal, and there were no questions at the time.

V. New Business

A. HON Human Diversity & Writing Intensive Applications

1. Nick Polman moved to accept all four applications below, Ty Galbreath-Taylor second, motion carried.
 - i. Williams (HD & WI - new)
 - ii. Schatteman (HD - new)
 - iii. Vazquez/Fur (HD -renew)
 - iv. Manderino/Flynn (HD -new)

B. Catalog change

1. Nick Polman noted the online document says New Hall vs. Patterson Hall. Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski moved to approve language revision and add “Honors” to “first year welcome”, Ty Galbreath-Taylor second, motion carried.
2. Great Professor application - February 17th deadline
3. Grade Review for HON courses (initial conversation)
 - a. Honors Grade Appeal Panel: Faculty: Jeremy Floyd, Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski, Larry Lurio, and Bart Sharp. Students: Ty Galbreath-Taylor, Grant Global, Hannah Havel, and Vanessa Olandese.

C. Presidential Scholarship Applications (call for interviewers)

- a. Jeremy Floyd, Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski, Melissa Clucas Walter, DeeAnna Phares, and Barton Sharp.

D. Mini-section exemplars (initial conversation)

- a. Discussion of Peer Mentors
- b. Connie Storey will coordinate 90-second videos for faculty members exploring examples of ideas for more Honor student engagement in the classrooms.

VI. Comments from the Floor

- A. None

VII. Adjournment at 2:39 pm

- A. Grant Goral moved, Ty Galbreath-Taylor second, motion carried.