

University Honors Program Honors Committee Minutes

5/5/2023 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
In-person/ remote option available
396th Meeting

Voting Members Present: Ty Galbreath-Taylor (STU), Trude Jacobsen Gidaszweski (CLAS), Grant Goral (STU), Hannah Havel (STU), Natalie Joy (CLAS), Vanessa Olandese (STU), DeeAnna Phares (ULIB), Nicholas Pohlman (EET), Barton Sharp (BUS), Ches Thurber (CLAS), Melissa Walter (CHHS).

Voting members absent: Diana Alvarez (STU), Melissa Fickling (EDU), Jeremy Floyd (CVPA), Larry Lurio (LAS)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu (Honors)

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

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

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Grant Goral moved, Ty Galbreath-Taylor second, motion carried.
- II. Approval of Minutes (April 2023 meeting)
 - a. Ches Thurber moved, grant second, motion carried.
- III. Staff Reports
 - a. Director – Andrea
 - i. Projects/News:
 1. Communications/Programming search.
 2. Value of Honors publication – leading 8 co-authors in this effort through APLU CoHE group.
 3. Justice Challenge – developing student opportunity with USDA grant cohort. Student recruitment, with NIU leading the way. Still ongoing, curriculum development also under way.
 4. Capstone survey with CoHE APLU group under way -disseminated.
 5. Honors Day, CURE completed.
 6. Engaging Honors Fellows – convo with Crowley (put money aside for cohort bonding)
 7. Course evals, enrollment management, admissions, all ongoing this month.

8. Annual report, Suitable end of year reporting, and other assessment driven issues.
- b. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye
 - i. Advising
 1. Summer Orientation – begins May 30, 2023
 - a. Resource Fair
 - b. Presentations
 - i. First-year 3:00 p.m.
 - ii. Transfer 1:30 p.m.
 2. Advising t-shirt giveaway - May 5th 11:00 a.m.
 3. Summer Intern – Freda Kpodo
 - ii. Suitable
 - iii. Capstones/In-Course Contracts
 1. Final due date 5/7/23
 2. Proposal deadline for fall 2023 – 9/10/23
 3. ICC completion request sent 5/1/23
 - iv. Honors Fellows
 1. Last day for spring 2023 – May 5th
 2. Training for 2023/2024 Fellows May 5, 2023
- a. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication/Scholarships & Fellowships – Connie
 - i. Scholarships
 1. Alumni Honors Scholarship \$4000, 4 recipients
 2. Honors Excellence Award \$39,000, 39 recipients
 3. Kovacevich \$26, 889.98, 28 recipients
 4. Massey \$2883, 3 recipients
 5. Noreen \$3567, 4 recipients
 6. Shearer \$ 4140, 2 recipients
 7. 80 recipients (plus Fellows and McKearns)
 8. Over \$80, 000 awarded
 - ii. Events
 1. Honors Day
 2. Honors Bash
 - iii. Connect
 1. [Suitable](#)
 2. Send me events to advertise
 - iv. Instagram
 1. Send me [pictures!](#)
 2. [Student Survey](#)
- vii. Old Business
 - a. None
- viii. New Business

- a. EYE Grant Funding Discussion
 - i. The committee agreed to provide feedback on applications.
 - ii. EYE Grant applicants are Diana Alvarez, Lana Samuel, Alia Moran, and Angelo LeDonne.
 - iii. Natalie Joy moved to approve all four applications, Ty Galbreath-Taylor seconded, motion carried.

- ix. Comments from Floor

- x. Adjournment
 - a. Nick Pohlman moved to adjourn the meeting, Grant Goral seconded, motion carried.