

**University Honors Program  
Honors Committee Minutes**

9/2/2022 @ 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
In-person/remote Option Available  
389<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Approved

Voting Members Present: Melissa Fickling (EDU), Jeremy Floyd (CVPA), Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski (CLAS), Natalie Joy (CLAS), Nicholas Pohlman (EET), Barton Sharp (BUS), Melissa Walter (CHHS)

Voting Members Absent: Larry Lurio (LAS), DeeAnna Phares (ULIB)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu (Honors)

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

Others Present: Linda Condon (Honors), Edye Cowan (Honors), Patty Lee (Honors), Connie Storey (Honors), Ches Thurber

- I. Election of new Honors Committee faculty chair
  - A. Nicholas Pohlman nominated Bart Sharp, motion passed.
  
- II. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Nicholas Pohlman moved, Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski second, motion passed.
  
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2022
  - A. Nicholas Pohlman moved, Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski second, motion passed.
  
- IV. Staff Reports
  - A. Director – Andrea Radasanu
    1. Notable summer 2022 projects:
      - a. Annual report FY 22
      - b. Development of Engaged opportunities, including new Graduate Prep experience set, and renewal of the Job Shadow experience with alum
      - c. WOW steering committee
      - d. Faculty engagement plans developed
      - e. Honors Scholarship:
        - i. Ziegler, William; **Radasanu, Andrea**; Appel, Heidi; Keen, Ralph; “Capstone on Top of Capstone: The Honors Dilemma.” *Proceedings of the 2022 Capstone Design Conference*. 6/6/2022.

- ii. Bott-Knutson, R., Appel, H., Hart, J., Kotinek, J., Ziegler, W., Garbutt, K., **Radasanu, A.**, Knox, P., Roberts, D., Keen, R., Andersen, M., Cooke, K., Kapur, J., & Nichols, T. “The justice challenge: An honorable model.” Paper presented at the biennial Honors Education at Research Universities (HERU) conference, Houston, Texas (June 2022).
  - f. Continuing recruitment for seminars
  - g. Development work with Foundation
  - h. Suitable implementation with team -focused on developing competencies and redoing website
  - i. Planning NCHC external review
  - j. Plans for start of semester, enrollment management, etc. including Taft, admissions
- B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships – Jason Goode (absent)
  - 1. National Fellowships
    - a. Marshall Summit
    - b. Rising Scholars
      - i. Conference
      - ii. Teams resource space
      - iii. Communication plan
    - c. Fellowship workshops calendar
  - 2. Honors Scholars
    - a. Caroline Rosenquist summer funding
  - 3. Honors Scholarships
    - a. Diversity numbers project with Andrea for the annual report
    - b. Grade audit of recipients
    - c. Emily Fordham’s capstone funding
    - d. Reviewers Choice Scholarship
  - 4. McKearn
    - a. ILAS 440H update
    - b. McKearn Enrichment Funds
      - i. Yousuf Khan MCAT prep course
    - c. McKearn Newsletter
    - d. Event calendar for the year
  - 5. Lincoln Laureate
    - a. Timeline
- C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye Cowan
  - 1. Advising
    - a. Orientation – Virtual & Face-to-Face Sessions
    - b. Presented to
      - i. 458 freshmen
      - ii. 68 Transfers
    - c. Taft 8/18
      - i. 107 students
      - ii. 14 faculty

- d. Navigate
      - i. Appointments
      - ii. Students assigned to Advisors and Fellows
  - 2. Honors Engaged
    - a. Suitable – Linda Condon
      - i. Experiences
      - ii. Tracking
    - b. Honors Connect
  - 3. Capstones/In-Course Contracts (ICC)
    - a. Capstones
      - i. Proposals Due 9/4 – 11:59 CST
      - ii. Capstone Information Session Schedule – Online
      - iii. Virtual Sessions – Blackboard, Face-to-Face – Honors Classroom
      - iv. Capstone Boot Camp – 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop Conducting Focused Research - 9/20
    - b. In-Course Contracts
      - i. Proposals Due 9/4 – 11:59 CST
      - ii. Schedule appointment with Linda Condon, [lcondon1@niu.edu](mailto:lcondon1@niu.edu)
  - 4. Honors Fellows
    - a. Grant Goral – Lead Fellow
    - b. Freshmen Mentorship Program – 283 freshmen mentees
      - i. Fellows Events
      - ii. Suitable Achievement Badge
- D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie Storey
  - 1. Events
    - a. Jonamac recap
    - b. Zip Lining 9/24
    - c. Therapy Dogs 10/12 6:30 p.m. New Hall CC
    - d. Fright Fest 10/23
    - e. Halloween Decorating contest 10/28
    - f. Syco Escape Rooms 11/17
  - 2. Connect
    - a. [Suitable](#)
    - b. Send me events to advertise
  - 3. Fund Raising
    - a. We are looking to book some food nights soon!
  - 4. Huskies United
    - a. March 22-23

V. Old Business  
 A. None

VI. New Business

- A. By-law change (student representative) – Nicholas Pohlman made a motion to wave the second reading, Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski second, the motion to amend the bylaws passed unanimously. Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski made a motion to approve the Bylaw change, Melissa Fickling second, motion passed.
- B. Lincoln Laureate faculty sub-committee –
  - 1. Application deadline is 9/9 and submit winner by 9/15
  - 2. Need 4-5 volunteers to review the applications and interview applicants
- C. Honors Seminar Themes FY 24 – Send ideas to Andrea Radasanu within a week
- D. Honors Engaged Suitable Demo – Will feature in faculty newsletter

VII. Comments from Floor

- A. No comments

VIII. Adjournment at 3:25 p.m.

- A. Nicholas Pohlman moved, Melissa Fickling second, motion passed.