University Honors Program
Honors Committee Minutes

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

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

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.