

University Honors Program Honors Committee Minutes

10/7/2022 @ 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
In-person/Remote Option Available
390th Meeting
Approved

Voting Members Present: Diana Alvarez (STU), Melissa Fickling (EDU), Ty Galbreath-Taylor (STU), Grant Goral (STU), Hannah Havel (STU), Natalie Joy (CLAS), Larry Lurio (LAS), Vanessa Olandese (STU), DeeAnna Phares (ULIB), Nicholas Pohlman (EET), Barton Sharp (BUS), Ches Thurber (CLAS), Melissa Walter (CHHS)

Voting Members Absent: Jeremy Floyd (CVPA), Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski (CLAS)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu (Honors)

Others Present: Linda Condon (Honors), Edye Cowan (Honors), Jason Goode (Honors), Patty Lee (Honors), Connie Storey (Honors)

- I. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Melissa Fickling moved, Grant Goral second, motion passed.
- II. Approval of Minutes (September 2022 meeting)
 - A. Grant Goral moved, Melissa Flickling second, motion passed.
- III. Staff Reports
 - A. Director – Andrea
 1. Notable summer 2022 projects:
 - a. RFP for Honors Faculty Fellowships – Grant Goral, Melissa Fickling, Melissa Walter, Nicholas Pohlman, Larry Lurio, DeeAnna Phares volunteered for subcommittee
 - b. Donor relations: Rachowicz and Turner
 - c. Planning NCHC external review, continued
 - d. Job Shadow matches
 - e. Social media planning with MARCOMM – Launch Instagram account
 - f. Course attributes were added to Honors courses
 - g. New resource with Gail: academic peer coach
 - h. Managing the onboarding of Suitable – including ensuring effective practices for getting students to complete multi-step tasks
 - i. Lincoln Laureate competition and Grant Goral’s application for Marshall
 - j. NCHC presentation – lead on a group presentation
 - B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships – Jason
 1. National Fellowships

- a. Marshall application submitted – Grant Goral
 - 2. Rising Scholars
 - a. Writing your Personal Statement workshop
 - b. Conference 9/9
 - c. CODE workshops
 - 3. McKearn – 6 working on research projects
 - a. ILAS 440H Class
 - b. Bonding Events
 - 4. Lincoln Laureate
 - a. Interviews and selection
 - b. Reception scheduled 10/25
- C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye
 - 1. Advising
 - a. Continuing Student Recruitment 10/3 & 10/4
 - b. Course Book
 - i. Online mid-October
 - ii. Courses tagged as Honors in MyNIU
 - c. Preview Day 10/10 in Capitol room
 - 2. Peer Academic Coach – Brittany Hernandez
 - a. 10 Hours/week
 - b. Student Support
 - 3. Capstones/In-Course Contracts (ICC)
 - a. 12 Capstones
 - b. 40 In-Course Contracts
 - 4. Honors Fellows
 - a. Fellows Around Campus at New Hall, Holmes Student Center, and Center for Black Studies
 - b. Mentorship
 - i. Mentor Events
 - ii. Leaderboard Competition
- D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie
 - 1. Events
 - a. Homecoming Tent 10/8 11:30-2:30 p.m.
 - b. Therapy Dogs 10/12 6:30 p.m. New Hall CC
 - c. Fright Fest 10/23
 - d. Halloween Decorating contest 10/28
 - e. Syco Escape Rooms 11/17
 - 2. Connect
 - a. [Suitable](#)
 - b. Send me events to advertise

IV. Old Business

- A. None

- V. New Business
 - A. Honors Seminar Themes FY 24 (results)
 - B. Honors Seminar Review Sub-Committee (assemble)

- VI. Comments from Floor
 - A. None

- VII. Adjournment at 2:13 p.m.
 - A. Nicholas Pohlman moved, Grant Goral second, motion passed.