

# University Honors Program Honors Committee Minutes

12/2/2022 @ 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
In-person/Remote Option Available  
392<sup>nd</sup> Meeting  
Approved

Voting Members Present: Diana Alvarez (STU), Melissa Fickling (EDU), Tyler Galbreath-Taylor (STU), Trude Jacobsen Gidaszewski (CLAS), 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)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu (Honors)

Ex-Officio Absent: Omar Ghrayeb (Vice Provost)

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

- I. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Nicholas Pohlman moved, Grant Goral second, motion passed.
  
- II. Approval of Minutes (November 2022 meeting)
  - A. Nicholas Pohlman moved, Grant Goral second, motion passed after making correction.
  
- III. Staff Reports
  - A. Director – Andrea
    1. Notable November 2022 projects:
      - a. RFP for Honors Faculty Fellowships, continued
      - b. Planning NCHC external review, continued
      - c. NCHC presentation – Lead a group presentation (November 5<sup>th</sup>); APLU CoHE presentation November 6<sup>th</sup>. New manuscript completed on the work of Honors collaborative, APLU-CoHe.
      - d. Effective documentation of Honors practices
      - e. New Honors news site to replace Luminary, along with overhaul of website, especially Honors Engaged
      - f. Engagement Taskforce, ongoing
      - g. OSEEL management
      - h. Rehiring for office administrator (Patty retiring)

- i. Assessment – Following 2020 cohort
  - j. Job Shadow Program – Matching 25 students with alum.
  - k. Congressional Internship review
- B. Associate Director for Scholarships & Fellowships – Jason
  - 1. National Fellowships
    - a. The Value of Your Story: Serving Your Dreams Workshop with Anna Quider
    - b. Huskie Food Pantry talk
    - c. Diana A.
  - 2. EYE Grant
    - a. Makkah Mujahid
    - b. Kamil Lebowa
    - c. David Schmidt
    - d. Kayla Bivin
    - e. Ayanna Johnson
  - 3. McKearn
    - a. NCUR abstract submissions
    - b. MCAT
  - 4. University Honors Program Graduate Application Scholarship
- C. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edye
  - 1. Advising
    - a. Spring 2023 Orientation – 12/2, 12/12
  - 2. Capstones – Final projects due 12/4
    - a. Submit - [honors@niu.edu](mailto:honors@niu.edu)
    - b. Upload to Huskie Commons
  - 3. Honors Fellows
    - a. Information Session 11/30 for students interested in becoming Fellows.
    - b. Developing Spring 2023 Schedule
    - c. Freshman Mentorship Program
      - i. Fellows led three events this fall
      - ii. Team competition winners – Based on Suitable participation for the fall 2022 semester - To be announced Friday, December 2nd
- D. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication – Connie
  - 1. Events
    - a. Soup-er Wednesday 12/7
    - b. Popcorn Thursdays 1-3 p.m.
  - 2. Connect
    - a. [Suitable](#) – 103 followers
    - b. Send me events to advertise
  - 3. Instagram
    - a. Send me [pictures!](#)
    - b. [Student Survey](#)

IV. Old Business

A. None

V. New Business

A. EYE grant review

1. Nicholas Pohlman moved, DeeAnna Phares second, motion passed for all five.

B. External Review: Discussion

1. Will receive information on December 22.

VI. Comments from Floor

VII. Adjournment at 3:15 p.m.

A. Nicholas Pohlman moved, Grant Goral second, motion passed.