

University Honors Program Honors Committee Minutes

9/1/2023 @ 1:30p – 3:30p
In-person/ remote option available
397th Meeting

Voting Members Present: Natalie Joy (CLAS), DeeAnna Phares (ULIB), Nicholas Pohlman (EET), Barton Sharp (BUS), Ches Thurber (CLAS), Melanie Koss (EDU), Larry Lurio (LAS), Sadey Havel (Lead Fellow) & Jeremy Floyd (CVPA).

Voting members absent: Melissa Walter (CHHS)

Ex-Officio Present: Andrea Radasanu (Honors), Alicia Schatteman (Vice Provost)

Others Present: Connie Storey (Honors), Ashlyn Straka (Honors) & April Buckley (Honors)

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

- I. Election of new Honors Committee faculty chair
Bart nominated Nick Polman, Melanie second, unanimous
- II. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Unanimous
- III. Approval of Minutes (May 2023 meeting)
 - a. Bart moved, Melanie second, unanimous
- IV. Staff Reports
 - a. Director – Andrea
Projects/News:
 1. Personnel: administrative aide, programming/communications advisor searches.
 2. Justice Challenge -developing USDA funded multi-institutional effort. HON310 this fall/spring opportunities.
 3. Conferences: Pathways (won overall program award), Entering Mentoring training (Madison, August 2023)
 4. Mini-Course development: syllabus statement, faculty survey.
 5. Expanding relationships with departments (KNPE, PSYC).
 6. Capstone survey with CoHE APLU group under way -disseminated/ first author on Value of Honors paper submitted to JNCHC
 7. Suitable development – seeking campus expansions/ integrations.
 8. Assessment – FY 23.

9. Course evals, enrollment management, admissions, all ongoing this month.
10. Goldwater development.
11. Faculty resources on website developed.
12. Rising Scholars & McKearn planning with Associate Dir. Of Scholarships and Fellowships.
13. Taft and other orientation, enrollment management over summer
14. Lincoln Laureate selection process

b. Associate Director of Academic Strategic Planning – Edey
Advising- Summer 2023

- a. Resource Fair
 - b. Presented to approximately 300 students
- Capstones/In-Course Contracts
- a. Proposal deadline for both due September 10, 2023
 - b. Capstone Information Session – Schedule online
 - c. ICC – Meet with Edey Cowan – ecowan@niu.edu

Taft – Thursday, August 24, 2023

- a. 2nd Annual Taft Tournament Games
- b. Attendance
 - i. 95 students
 - ii. 17 faculty
 - iii. 4 staff – including Nicole Scheuermann (Graduate Fellow)

c. Assistant Director of Programming and Communication/Scholarships & Fellowships – Connie

I. McKearns

- a. Team Building event
- b. Class

II. Events

- a. Jonamac 9/16
- b. Syco Escape Room

III. Connect

- a. [Suitable](#)
- b. Send me events to advertise

IV. Instagram

- a. Send me [pictures!](#)
- b. [Student Survey](#)

V. Old Business

- a. None

VI. New Business

- a. Presentation on FY23 wrap up
- b. HON 305 proposal (Bart moved, Melanie second, motion carried)
- c. Honors Seminar Themes FY 25

VII. Comments from Floor

VIII. Adjournment

- (a) Barton Sharp moved to adjourn the meeting, Ches Thurber seconded, motion carried