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.
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 – Edye
   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 Edye 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