



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING
October 26, 2009
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Room A141**

To conform to the open meeting act, the public may attend open sessions

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE HONORS COMMITTEE CHAIR**
3. **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. 9/28/09
5. **PRESENTATION** – None
6. **REPORTS**
 - a. Alpha Iota (Conley)
 - b. Honor maximum raised to 18/lost two honors section in Spring 2010
 - c. Colloquia/Orientation sessions
7. **ACTION ITEMS** – None
8. **DISCUSSION**
 - a. Honors Options Projects
 - b. Deans list for OSD and Students on Hold
 - c. Miscellaneous
9. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**
 - a. Meeting dates for Fall Semester: November 23. All meetings will be held in A141.
10. **OTHER**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Members Present	Members Absent	Guests in Attendance
Karen Lubick	Rae Agahari	Dr. Matthew Jaffe
Dr. Tom O’Neil	Rosa Fuller	
Judy Sullivan		
Kathy Moore		
Susan Knapp		
Stacy Adams		
Stephanie Conley		

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Lubick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE HONORS COMMITTEE CHAIR – Ms. Lubick thanked everyone for the excellent handling of the previous meeting in her absence and that her health is much better.

3. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Dr. Jaffe was pleased to be present.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 9/28/09 meeting. With no further discussion, motion carried. **(NOTE – PREVIOUS MINUTES LISTED ON THE AGENDA OF 9/28/09 WERE NOT CARRIED FORWARD TO THE AGENDA FOR 10/26. THESE MUST BE APPROVED AT THE MEETING ON 11/23)**

5. PRESENTATION – None

6. REPORTS

a. Alpha Iota Report (Stephanie Conley) – the group conducted a car wash for fundraising. They also held a fundraiser at Camille’s. They plan to sell Halloween candy for three days this week and have an all-day costume Halloween party on the 30th which is open to the campus. Food will be provided but drinks must be purchased and it will be held in the cafeteria. Then on the 31st, they are planning a Halloween haunted house at a member’s home. She also stated that the showcase next to the Student Lounge is now

renovated and up-to-date. They also listened to speaker Dr. Ed Beyer who gave information about volunteering on the Accreditation Committee. Five or six people showed interest and it will be nice to have Alpha Iota senators representing the student body. Also, United We Mentor will be sending a speaker to speak to the group. Ms. Lubick mentioned that the group has five advisors this year. They are: Dr. Jaffe, Karen Lubick, Mary Margaret McGuire, Tom Graves and Harish Rao. Santi Tafarella and Rachel Jennings are back up. It was requested that Kathy Moore be included in the e-mails of the Alpha Iota group.

b. Honor maximum raised to 18/lost two honors section in Spring 2010 – Ms. Lubick relayed that the intent of moving the maximum to 18 has nothing to do with being in compliance with the contract. The honors program is not covered in the union contract. The intent was to make it more consistent as far as the administration is concerned and have some kind of policy. She appreciated the comments of Ms. Moore on the justification for going only to 18. Since a decision needed to be relayed before the next meeting, she received a telephone call from Ms. Lowry, VP of Academic Affairs. She relayed to her the committee's concerns about going to 20 and would rather drop an honors section to keep it at 18. She also relayed that it would be much better to wait until fall when the college has a larger influx of students who would be interested in the honors program. Ms. Lowry took Karen up on the choice of dropping a class for spring so they compared the spring 2009 to the schedule for spring 2010. A decision was made to drop anthropology since it had not yet been approved by the committee. Two days later, Ms. Lubick received word from Jonet Leighton that she was not going to do the theater arts honors class so that is how we ended up losing two honors courses. Ms. Lubick then stated that she would give honors students credit for option who are in either of these two classes. Ms. Lubick had a listing of the revised honors schedule for spring (showing the six remaining) which she will forward to all members.

There was a mistake in the English 102 class in that it was not showing it as an honors class. That will be corrected. For the fall 2010, Ms. Lubick already has an agreement with Michael Tran that he will teach Math 150. Deb Anderson will continue with Math 130. Rae Agahari will continue with Art 101H and we will have two sections of English 101. There was discussion to have English 103 (Ms. Lubick would like to teach it again) linked with a History course (History 110) under Dr. Jaffe. For fall 2010, there needs to be a sociology or economics class. Also, having a science course like biology would be good. Ms. Lubick will speak with Dr. Uhazy on this. There will be further discussion at the next meeting on the fall schedule.

c. Colloguia/Orientation sessions – in the past, an orientation meeting had been held every fall to all students and have faculty attend. Ms. Lubick suggests that we hold these orientation meetings as separate subjects by respective faculty either before or after an Alpha Iota meeting. It was recommended that Susan Knapp do one on TAP certification (now scheduled for November 6th from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.) and possibly request Scott Lee from the library to talk about research.

7. ACTION ITEMS – None

8. DISCUSSION

a. Honors Options Projects– Ms. Lubick handed out a number of honors options project forms for the members to review. A number of questions arose which she will follow up on. She will send out e-mails to all faculty for clarification.

b. Deans list for OSD and Students on Hold – the question had been posed in regard to challenged students who are recommended to only take a maximum of six units and if they should accomplish grades sufficient to be placed on the Dean’s List, is this a possibility? After discussion among the members of the committee and making statements that this subject had been brought up in the past, it was stated that the college would adhere to the requirement that a student must have enrolled and completed 12 units of course study to be placed on the Dean’s List if they qualify. They did not wish to set a precedent by allowing only six units to qualify for the Dean’s List. The second subject involved students who wish to be granted inclusion into the honors program but upon checking their record, they have holds on their account. It may be due to tuition problems or a fine associated with the library. After discussion among the members, it was recommended that that particular student clear up their account before being investigated and given entry into the honors program.

c. Miscellaneous – none

9. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS – the next meeting will be conducted on November 23 in A141 starting at 2:00 PM.

10. OTHER - none

11. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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