



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

November 24, 2014

2:00 p.m.

A-140

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 CHAIR
3. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. October 27, 2014 Honors Program Committee Meeting
5. OLD BUSINESS
6. DISCUSSION
 - a. University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Trip
 - b. Alpha Iota Conference
 - c. Honors Lecture Series
 - d. Spring Honors Convocation: May 8, 2015
 - e. Email Campaigns: Sign-up
 - f. Honors Recruitment
 - g. Email Campaigns: Sign-up
 - h. February 9, 2015 Meeting
7. ACTION ITEMS
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

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HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING
December 1, 2014
2:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m. Room A141**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

a. Members present: Elizabeth Wells, Susan Knapp, John Vento, Matthew Jaffe, Mark McGovern, Pavinee Vallapando, Angela Koritsuglon, Mike Pesses, Kathy Bingham.

b. Members absent: Rae Agahari, Megan Turrill, Tom O’Neil, Bassan Salameh

c. Guests: None

d. Meeting was called to order by John Vento, chair, at 2:11 p.m.

2. OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE HOMORS COMMITTEE CHAIR

a. None

3. OPEN COMMENTS FORM THE PUBLIC

a. None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. November 24, 2014 minutes

i. Motion to approve

ii. Motion passed with minor edits

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. None

6. DISCUSSION

UCLA trip

Susan Knapp discussed the UCLA honors trip that happened last month. She thanked Mark McGovern for arranging transportation for the students to attend. Susan expressed the importance of doing better publicity to get more students involved next year; this trip we had 8 students attend. Susan will type up her notes as an overview of the event for the February meeting.

Alpha Iota Conference:

The Alpha Iota, Alpha Gamma Sigma conference was discussed. Mark said the fall conference is to get honors clubs together and nominate a student trustee to the Board of Governors and that the spring conference is more important to get money for scholarships.

Honors Lecture Series:

John Vento talked about the possibility of creating an Honors Lecture Series. Many of the UCs have one faculty come and present open to the public. John suggested that once a year we should bring in one person—perhaps on a Friday afternoon after the Alpha Iota meeting. John asked if the committee would support such a program and the committee generally agreed it would be a good idea. John suggested we find a speaker who would engage the students, pick a date, make a flyer and send e-mails to all the honors students inviting them. Once a year with the lecture and then a Q and A with discussion would be great. Mark McGovern said he would present, possibly about aliens or new planets discovered and the life they may support. Mark also presented the possibility of allowing students to present during the speaker series. Susan, Angela, John and Elizabeth all like the idea of allowing students to present.

Honors Convocation:

John Vento announced that the Honors Convocation is scheduled for Friday May 8th from 8a.m. until noon in the Performing Arts Theater. There was discussion about creating a video or slide show of the honors students for the event. Susan thinks there is time to include it and Mark said he will try and find someone to create it and report back at the next meeting.

Honors Recruitment:

John discussed recruiting honors students and reported that we now have 330 students in the honors program up from 250 and that he would like to get 70 more students to join. He said in the spring semester committee members should send e-mails to faculty about the honors program and recruitment.

7. ACTION ITEMS

None

8. OTHER BUSINESS

John announced Monday February 9th is the first day of classes and we will have more honors options to look at so we will meet at 2:00. Susan said that our regular meeting on February 23rd will still happen at 2:00.

John expressed joy and pride that we have 14 honors classes for spring semester with math and chemistry.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00.