

HONORS COMMITTEE

Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2021
ZOOM Meeting
2:30-3:30 PM

Type of Meeting: Regular

Note Taker: Tamira Palmetto Despain

Please Review/Bring: Agenda Packet

Tamira Palmetto Despain	Faculty Co-Chair - Present
Vejea Jennings	Faculty Co-Chair - Present
Christos Valiotis, Dean MSE	Administrative Member - Present
Rae Agahari	Arts & Humanities -Present
David L. Adams	Career Tech Ed - Present
Susan Knapp	Counseling - Present
Elinda Parkinson	Health & Safety Sciences -Present
Linda Parker	Library -Present
Dang Huynth	Math Sciences Engineering -Present
Paul Stahmann	Math Sciences Engineering -Present
Pavinee Villapando	Math Sciences Engineering - Present
Dr. Rachel Jennings-Tafarella	Rhetoric & Literacy - Present
Dr. Matthew Jaffe	Social & Behavioral Sciences - Present
Dr. Darcy Wiewall	At-Large - Present
Cynthia Wishka	At-Large - Present
John Vento	Ex-Officio - Present
VACANT	TAP Representative
Joselyn Zuniga	ASO Representative - Absent

Items	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	
II. Opening Comments from the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Honors Committee is scheduled to meet from 2:30-4 pm on the 4th Monday of each month. We have been meeting from 2:30-3:30, but there is much work to be done in preparation for the virtual Honors Convocation this April. Committee members should be prepared to meet for our regularly scheduled time for our last two meetings (March, and April).
III. Open Comments from the Public	
IV. Action Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes for 1/25/21 approved with abstentions from Vejea and Rae who were both absent 1/25.
V. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honors Option Proposal - Approved <u>Katherine Engelen for Mathematics 115</u> Kathrine shared her proposal and an example of an ANOVA problem. She explained that ANOVA was a very important skill to learn for students transferring to university, and is a useful way to

	<p>compare 3, 5, or more items. Students must be able to use technology and she discussed the help that Student Equity has provided in giving calculators for students who need them. Linda Parker also reported that the Library has scientific and graphing calculators available for checkout. Dang commented on honors proposal stating that ANOVA is very important, and Paul also expressed enthusiasm for the proposal. Overall, the proposal was well received and the committee approved it unanimously.</p>
VI. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Option Proposal-Approved <u>Dr. Patricia Palavecino for Biology 103</u> Video presentation was played for the committee. Honors Option proposal will emphasize plant classification, diversity, and local/native plants. Students will complete a project that is focused on native plant species with the hope that education will lead to more native plants being used locally in residential neighborhoods. Comments from Rachel, Susan and Darcy – all focused on the positive influence a project like this can have. There are few courses that emphasize/highlight our geographic area and unique diversity that can be found here. Overall, the proposal was well received and the committee approved it unanimously.
VII. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Area Award Memo - Approved • Subject Area Awards – Selection Process & Memo Reviewed Subject Area Award Memo: Memo will go out 3/15 with a 2 week period for Subject Area Award submissions. We will encourage nominating faculty to schedule a Zoom meeting with their student(s) to recognize their achievement. Christos proposed that faculty record a video that can be sent to students. Darcy cautioned that we cannot force faculty to zoom with students, but can highly recommend they do. Cynthia also agreed that a recorded message would be nice and could possibly be played during the Honors Convocation. Paul thought the memo looked self-explanatory and felt it was ready for publication. Rachel commented that faculty are likely less overwhelmed this year and will be better able to schedule Zoom meetings with their students. Vejea will work on sending out the memo at the beginning of spring break.
VIII. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Convocation – Process/structure/time – postponed to 3/22
IX. Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCLA TAP Certification and UCI H2H Certification
X.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
XI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
XII. VIII. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
XIII. IX. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting 3/22/21 at 2:30.