

# HONORS COMMITTEE

## Minutes

Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 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
<b>Vacant</b>	Administrative Member
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 Huynh	Math Sciences Engineering – Present
Paul Stahmann	Math Sciences Engineering – Present
Pavinee Villapando	Math Sciences Engineering - Absent
Dr. Rachel Jennings-Tafarella	Rhetoric & Literacy – Present
Dr. Matthew Jaffe	Social & Behavioral Sciences – Present
Dr. Darcy Wiewall	At-Large - Absent
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"> <li>• Vejea – Asked faculty to check in with students regarding Honors Options, and “encourage students to hang in there.” He requested that faculty continue to offer Honors Options, especially in STEM classes. David - Remarked that faculty need to check in with Honors Option students and monitor progress. Rachael – Suggested that faculty use Pronto to help multiple students, with Honors Options in one course, stay connected and help one another complete the Option.</li> <li>• Next meeting date correction needed (2/22/2021) – Change noted and made.</li> </ul>
III. Open Comments from the Public	
IV. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Minutes, 11/23/2020 – Approved with 3 abstentions (Vejea, Rae, and Paul).</li> </ul>

V. Discussion Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honors Coordinator – current term ends June 2021 Reminder only</li> </ul>
VI. Discussion Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCLA TAP Certification and UCI H2H Certification: Ongoing. Will be unable to certify a number of Honors student due to reduction in Honors Options being available -especially in STEM classes. Encouraged faculty to look at how the Options are being conducted in labs, for STEM courses, and see if students can do an out-of-class assignment that focuses on same critical thinking elements.</li> </ul>
VII. Discussion Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honors Convocation 4/30/2021 – Planning for Virtual Event. Discussion centered around having 2 events:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject Area Awards. Zoom sessions would be conducted with the nominating faculty members, the student, and their family. Nominating faculty will set up the Zoom on their own. Mentioned that this would allow more family to attend such an event and offer a unique opportunity for the students.</li> <li>Honors Convocation: Honors TAP Certificates (Honors Scholar designation) and Alpha Iota membership. The overall sentiment was to have the event via Zoom, and not longer than a half hour. Everyone expressed that the event should be concise and move at a brisk pace. Structure of event: Opening Comments from Honors Committee, then reading of the names for Alpha Iota members, and then the reading of the Honors Certificate (Honors Scholars) awardees. For the reading of the Honors Certificates – Have a PPT and with a picture of the certificates, and a picture of each student. We can put a call out for pictures after next regular committee meeting.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Time for Honors Convocation – 11 am is the preferred time for now, will revisit this at our next Honors Committee meeting</li> </ul>
VIII. VIII. Other Business	
IX. IX. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Next meeting 2/22/2021 at 2:30.</b></li> </ul>