HONORS COMMITTEE AGENDA	Monday, November 30, 2015 L-201 2:00PM

Type of Meeting: Regular
Note Taker:
Please Review/Bring: Agenda Packet

Committee Members:
John Vento, Faculty Chair
Dr. Tom O'Neil, Division Dean
Susan Knapp, Counseling
Rae Agahari, Kinesiology & VAPA Representative
Kathy Bingham, Kinesiology & VAPA Representative
Mike Pesses, Math & Sciences Representative
Dr. Bassam Salameh, Math & Sciences Representative
Dr. Alexandra Schroer, Math & Sciences Representative
Pavinee Villapando, Math & Sciences Representative
Van Rider, Library Representative

Items	Person	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call		
II. Opening Comments from the Chair	J Vento	
III. Open Comments from the Public		
IV. Approval of Minutes		a. September 28, 2015 Honors Committee Minutes (attachment)
V. Old Business		
VI. Discussion Items	J Vento	a. Honors Survey b. Summer Honors Classes c. Honors Video (Scott Covell) d. Academic Calendar e. Board Presentation: Monday, December 14 f. Honors Convocation
VII. Action Items	J Vento	a. Honors Survey b. Honors Video c. Academic Calendar
VIII. Other Business		
IX. Adjournment		
NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, January 25, 2016		

To conform to the Open Meeting Act (CA Government Code § 11120-11132), the public may attend open sessions.

I.   Call to Order and Roll Call
    a. Members present
        i. Dr. Matthew Jaffe, Dr. Mark McGovern, Kathy Bingham, John Vento,
        Mike Pesses, Van Rider, Dr. Alexander Schroer, Angela Koritsoglou
    b. Members absent
        i. Susan Knapp, Dr. Tom O'Neil, Dr. Bassam Salameh, Rae Agahari, Pavinee
        Villapando, Alexander Nelms
    c. Meeting called to order at 2:09pm

II.   Opening comments from the Chair
    a. None

III. Opening comments from the Public
    a. None

IV.   Approval of minutes
    a. September 28, 2015 minutes approved unanimously

V.   Old Business
    a. None

VI.   Discussion Items
    a. American Honors, Incorporated
        i. Mr. Vento brought up a private company that specializes in outsourcing
        honors program
            1. Students pay fee, college loses all control
        ii. American Honors, Inc. is actively calling college presidents to circumvent
        senate, also calling state legislators to change laws
            1. Legally it seems they can't be involved with California colleges yet
        iii. The committee was presented a resolution by the state Academic Senate
        against companies like this
            1. The committee was asked how it felt about this and if they would
            support AVC working to keep such companies out of the honors
            program
    b. Spring Class list
        i. The list for Spring 2016 honors classes was presented to the committee
            1. Mr. Vento asked members for any comments or questions

2. Committee was favorable toward the amount of classes and diversity of subjects
c. Honors poster
   i. A recruiting poster for the Honors Program was presented to the committee.
   ii. All agreed to remove "come" from "be part of something exceptional" tag line
      1. Other thoughts were
         a. Change the font to something less common
         b. Add "Where will you go?" or a similar phrase to go with the photo of transferring students
         c. Incorporate a QR code to make it easier for students to track down information
d. Honors Class survey
   i. The Honors Program needs to survey students about the classes and professors
   ii. A sample has been produced, but needs be to revised a bit before the committee takes action
   iii. The survey should help to provide data to support needs for the Honors Program
   iv. When ready, it will be administered via a web service like Survey Monkey
e. Approval for summer honors classes
   i. Still exploring details, but the committee should be able to offer several honors classes.

VII. Action Items
a. Motion to approve presenting the draft resolution against using for-profit companies to outsource honors programs in California Community Colleges to the AVC Senate, approved unanimously
b. Motion to approve the use of the Honors Program recruiting poster around campus, with discussed changes, approved unanimously

VIII. Other Business
a. None

IX. Next meeting dates
a. November 30, 2015
b. February 8, 2016
c. February 29, 2016

SURVEY OF STUDENT OPINION
(INSTRUCTORS NAMES)
(HONORS CLASS)
FALL 2015

"If I accept you as you are, I will make you worse; however, if I treat you as though you are what you are capable of becoming, I help you become that." —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Please consider each statement carefully.

1. Did this class fulfill your expectations? Were the readings, discussions and written assignments, field trip sufficiently challenging to engage your interest? Conversely, were the assignments too demanding?

2. In terms of learning, what have you enjoyed most? What has been most helpful to you in this class? Have you grown in knowledge and/or skill? How?

3. Please comment on the professor's teaching style.
    a. How were the lectures?
    b. Did s/he respond to questions in class and/or outside class?
    c. How did s/he interact with the class? Please elaborate.

4. What would you change? What improvements in the course or (gasp!) the professor might improve instruction and/or class materials??

5. Please consider this statement and then choose one response:

"All things considered, I would recommend this professor to my friends."

Strongly Agree   Agree   Neutral   Disagree   Strongly Disagree

If you want to add any comments or clarifications to your respond, you may do so here:

6.   All things considered, i.e. the professor, the course content and the class dynamics, how would you rate the course?

Excellent   Very Good   Fair   Poor   Very Poor

If you want to add any comments or clarifications to your rating, you may do so here:

7. Thank you for your time and thoughtful responses.
    If you have any other comments, you may write it in the space below.