

# HONORS COMMITTEE

## Minutes

Monday, April 26, 2021  
ZOOM Meeting  
2:30-4:00 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- Absent
Rae Agahari	Arts & Humanities - Present
David L. Adams	Career Tech Ed - Absent
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

Guests:

Towana Catley & Karen  
Heinzman

Items	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	
II. Opening Comments from the Chair	
III. Open Comments from the Public	
IV. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Minutes- Approved Meeting 3/22/21</li> </ul>
V. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Structure - Approved</li> <li>Committee Structure – Proposed Changes (see attached)</li> <li>Additional Ex-O seat, Adjunct seat, and K&amp;A seat</li> <li>Will go to AS for final approval 5/6/21</li> </ul>
VI. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved</li> <li><b><u>Honors Option Proposal for DFST 101, by Isaias Hernandez</u></b></li> <li>Started Proposal presentation with a poem in ASL. He used this as an example of what his students would complete as an Honors</li> </ul>

	<p>Option. For DFST 101 students will create a video of them, Signing their own story. Isaias will provide them with tools to create the video, edit the video, and have immediate feedback ( Go React). He will also emphasize Deaf Space during the course and will expect to see this reflected in students' Honors Option videos. Isaias will also be meeting with students outside of class, to assist them with their project.</p>
VII. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved <b><u>Honors Course (ENGL 230) by Douglas Manuel II</u></b></li> <li>• Students will produce critical essays (context, purpose, textual analysis, produce MLA format research paper, and follow a key term of their choosing throughout the course. The class may be taught in a seminar format for lecture. Darcy suggested an author from Pre-1650's America that focused on first accounts of indigenous people (Sahagun).</li> </ul>
VIII. Action Item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved <b><u>Honors Option for COMM 101 by Dr. Gregory Langner</u></b></li> <li>• Students will complete an Ethnography report, expanding their ability to research and synthesize complex ideas and concepts. He is seeing to provide cultural perspective in an ethical way (ethnography), and challenge students to expand their ideas of culture. They will present this report to the class and engage in Q&amp;A with their fellow students and the Instructor. Greg will meet with students ~4x outside of class to assist them with these reports. He would like the HO students to have a dialogue outside of the classroom.</li> </ul>
IX. Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject Area Awards &amp; Honors Scholars Compiling List for Honors Scholars &amp; working with Marketing to have a list with pictures, published in our Campus Update. Likely May 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Honors Options – Marketing &amp; Milestones Botany Honors Option project – campus distribution and possible community distribution. How can we do more of this to highlight AVC and our Honors students?</li> </ul>
X. Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changing of the Guard: Happy Retirement to Susan Knapp! Thank you for your tireless service to our Honors program!! Towana Catley &amp; Darcy Wiewall – Welcome the New Honors Co- Coordinators!!</li> </ul>
XI. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next meeting 8/23/21 at 2:30.</b></li> </ul>
XII.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>