

# HONORS COMMITTEE

## Agenda

Monday, October 28, 2019  
L-201  
2:30PM

**Type of Meeting:** Regular

**Note Taker:**

**Please Review/Bring:** Agenda Packet

Tamira Palmetto Despain	Faculty Co-Chair
Vejea Jennings	Faculty Co-Chair
Dr. Irit Gat	Administrative Member
Rae Agahari	Arts & Humanities
David L. Adams	Career Tech Ed
Susan Knapp	Counseling
Elinda Parkinson	Health & Safety Sciences
Linda Parker	Library
Dang Huynh	Math Sciences Engineering
Dr. Mark McGovern	Math Sciences Engineering
Pavinee Villapando	Math Sciences Engineering
Dr. Rachel Jennings	Rhetoric & Literacy
Dr. Matthew Jaffe	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Darcy Wiewall	At-Large
VACANT	At-Large
John Vento	Ex-Officio
TAP Representative	VACANT
ASO Representative	Jahlen Pinelo

Items	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	
II. Opening Comments from the Chair	
III. Open Comments from the Public	
IV. Approval of Minutes	A. October 14, 2109 (attachment)
V. Discussion Items	A. Subject Area Awards Criteria & Process - Review (attachment) B. Honors Spring 2020 Courses Flyer (attachment)
VI. Action Items	
VIII. Other Business	
IX. Adjournment	



# Honors Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, 12/2/2019  
UH 223 (ANTH Lab)  
2:30-4:30

**Type of Meeting:** *Regular*

**Note Taker:** *(Tamira Palmetto Despain)*

**Please Review/Bring:** *(Agenda, Minutes and Supporting Documents)*

**Committee Members:**

- Vejea Jennings, Faculty Co-Chair- Present
- Tamira Palmetto Despain, Faculty Co-Chair- Present
- Dr. Irit Gat, Division Dean- Absent
- Rae Agahari, Arts & Humanities- Absent
- David L. Adams, Career Tech Ed- Present
- Susan Knapp, Counseling- Present
- Elinda Parkinson, Health & Safety Sciences- Present
- Dr. Rachael Jennings Tafarella, Rhetoric & Literacy- Absent
- Linda Parker, Library- Present
- Dr. Mark McGovern, Math Sciences Engineering- Present (till 3:15)
- Pavinee Villapando- Math Science Engineering- Present
- Dang Huynh, Math Science Engineering- Present
- Dr. Matthew Jaffe, Social Behavioral Sciences- Present
- Dr. Darcy Wiewall – At Large- Present
- VACANT – At Large
- John Vento, Ex-Officio- Present
- VACANT -TAP/Alpha Iota Representative- NA
- ASO Rep- Jahlen Pinelo- Absent

Items	Person	Action
I. Approval of Previous Minutes	All	The minutes for 10/28/19 were approved
II. Subject Area Award Criteria	All	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b> <i>Item tabled</i></p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b> <i>Moved item to next regular meeting 2/24/20</i></p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b> <i>Resend all materials to committee in January for review.</i></p>

<p>III. ACTION ITEM: Honors Proposal for ART 101 by Larissa Nickel</p>	<p>All</p>	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b>          Much discussion regarding the proposal and the amount of work that will be expected of students: 2-3 small papers, one research paper, slide show presentation, sketch books, museum feedback assignments (written), etc. McGovern remarked that in his Honors PHYS often one research paper and one added assignment are too much. Agahari advised the assignments to be reduced and the museum feedback assignment to be more explicit. Concern that the course may be too tailored for ART major students. Knapp remarked that we all clearly felt Nickel is capable of teaching an Honors course and that she can make the needed adjustments on her own. Jennings let Nickel know that he would continue working with her as the spring term approached.</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b>  <i>Committee approved Honors proposal (ALL)</i></p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b>  <i>Vejea will work with Larissa to make any needed corrections before spring 2020.</i></p>
<p>IV. ACTION ITEM: Honors Proposal for HIST 110 by Jonathan Saxon</p>	<p>All</p>	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b>          Saxon spent much time discussing the nature of the course and the content covered in regular sections of HIST 110. He then expanded on the differences for the Honors section: expansion of East African history, class being taught in seminar fashion, an additional writing assignment, the reading of the entire Fredrick Douglass narrative (not just excerpts), and a primary source assignment. There was a lot of discussion regarding the primary source assignment and many remarked that they would like to sit in on the course. Overall the committee was enthusiastic about the proposal.</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b>  <i>Committee approved Honors proposal (ALL, with exception of McGovern who was not present)</i></p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b>          NA</p>
<p>V. ACTION ITEM: Honors Proposal for MATH 150 by Roy Osawa</p>	<p>All</p>	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b>          Osawa spent some time discussing the nature of Calc I. He then moved into how the Honors course would be different: 2/3 of the course would be CORE and 1/3 would be unique. He described this uniqueness to be in the structure of the course, small group and seminar. He will also “Flip” the course weekly, where</p>

		<p>students will work on “challenging problems,” and present their solution to the class. He did remark that students would likely be unable to solve the “challenging problems.” Palmetto asked about points for the Flip and if students would earn points, even if they were unable to complete the problems. Osawa assured the committee that points would be awarded based on the effort they put into solving the problem and their thought process. He sees his role in the flip as more of a coach than instructor. Huynh and Villapando both asked about practical application that might be added to the course, through in class experimentation. Osawa did not see this as an added benefit to the course, even after many members expressed support for the idea. Many of the committee members expressed a desire to see the completed syllabus for the course and see the guidelines that would be given to the students for both the flip and the journal assignments.</p> <p>Osawa agreed to return with requested elements to an emergency meeting in January.</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b> Osawa will return with proposal in January- no action taken.</p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b> <i>Osawa will return with proposal in January.</i></p>
<p>VI. Discussion Item</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Reviewed Honors Academic Senate Report – committee will read on own and bring questions to next meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p><b>Next Meeting: 1/22/20 at 10 am in UH 223 (ANTH Lab)</b> Next Regular Meeting: 2/24/20 at 2:30 in L201</p>