



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 27, 2012
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Room A141**

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Members Present: Igor Marder, Fredy Aviles, Susan Knapp, Iqra Yousufzai, Matthew Ellison
Members Absent: Dean Tom O'Neil, Angela Koritsoglou, Rae Agahari, (Zia Nisani)
Guests: Dr. Matthew Jaffe

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
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2. **OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE HONORS COMMITTEE CHAIR**
Lubick discussed the problems filling Phil 105H and Geog 105H for Spring 2012.
3. **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Nov. 28, 2011
Susan motioned; Igor seconded; motion approved.
5. **REPORTS**
 - a. Alpha Iota Report (Dr. Jaffe/Iqra Yousufzai/Matthew Ellison)
Iqra supplied members with a handout of upcoming events. Dr. Jaffe added that we would be participating in the MSWalk, the AGS Spring convention, and are preparing for the honors convocation.
 - b. UCI update (Lubick)
Lubick reported that the TAP certification process with UCI was completed via computer, and that with their form a student merely needs to be involved with the honors program, not necessarily completed.
 - c. UCLA TAP Certification Update (Knapp)
Knapp discussed the students who did not meet the requirements and other concerns about the process. Several honors students had not scheduled a counseling meeting with her previous to their certification appointment, so there was no education plan in place. Students need to be reminded of the importance of this step in their honors contract. Lubick said that Vento would be creating a Facebook page which might make communication more efficient next year. In referring to this year's 21 potential TAP certified students, one was a "special case" with a low transcript from another university, thus lowering her overall cum gpa, two showed up without a form at all, four we didn't even see after they had been contacted, two had not completed their IGETC, and one had not completed 60 transferable units. We decided to decline the students with the low gpas and the one that had not completed 60 units, but to certify the ones that had not yet completed the IGETC as their was the potential to complete those courses this summer. Lubick stated that UCLA is basically looking for students to turn down since they are so impacted with applicants and that she would be attending the TAP Council Meeting at UCLA on April 29, 2012.
6. **ACTION ITEM**
 - a. Criteria for Subject Area Awards
Lubick asked the committee to review the criteria to see if any should change or be reworded.
Marder expressed that #5, the graduation requirement, would be hard to enforce and even harder for faculty members to ascertain or verify. Knapp informed us that in order to graduate, students might need additional coursework, especially for the LAS degree which requires 18 units plus 3 more from a general education course. We reworded the criteria as follows:
Completing or having completed 60 transferable units from a wide variety of general education areas, or completion of an AVC Certification program, or eligibility for AVC graduation.

The committee felt that the new wording would be more “inclusive” and allow faculty members to nominate someone without having to check the graduation list. Ellison added that we would like to have a sense that the student intended to transfer during the academic year.

In addition, Lubick mentioned that the Graduation Office had already published the list in progress for our use in the selection process, if needed. When asked if students could win awards for two years in a row, the committee stipulated that students could win in more than one subject area, but could not win the same subject area award more than once, and they don’t need to be majoring in the area to win.

7. DISCUSSION

a. Fall 2012 Schedule of honors sections

The committee approved the six courses being offered for Fall, 2012. Lubick mentioned that the program had been substantially reduced from previous years due to some offerings not filling, a rush to prepare the offerings, and a need to keep the program small during difficult budget times.

b. Spring 2013 potential offerings and new courses

The committee reviewed the plan for Spring, 2013 with the addition of an Anthropology 112 course that would meet the diversity requirement, which may be offered by Darcy Wiewall in 2013.

c. Preparing for Honors Convocation, date, time, location, format, etc.

The Convocation will be held in the Fine Arts quad on Friday, May 18, from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. We discussed having a separate event for Alpha Iota, but Lubick felt it might be best to leave the format the same as previous years.

We discussed the issue that students who earn College Honors (Cum Laude and higher) could purchase a gold tassel without proof. It was suggested that they should present at least an unofficial transcript to show their gpa in order to purchase the tassel. Lubick will attend the Graduation Committee meeting to discuss this and other related honors graduation issues.

8. OTHER

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The committee will be emailed to see if we could meet quorum at the new time, just for the one month, so Vento can attend. Marder teaches at that time and Aviles has conflicting meetings, so they will not be in attendance.

Upcoming Course Proposal for Psy 101H from Donna Redmayne

We will wait to hear from the instructor to see if we will offer this course in Fall.

9. ADJOURNMENT (2:57 p.m.)

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