



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 28, 2011
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Room A141**

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Members Present	Members Absent	Guests in Attendance
Karen Lubick	Susan Knapp	Dr. Matt Jaffe
Kathy Moore		Elaine Tsai – ASO rep
Dr. Zia Nisani		
Dr. Igor Marder		
Rae Agahari		
Dr. Fredy Aviles		
Dr. Tom O’Neil		

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Karen Lubick, Honors Program Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m. after quorum was reached.

2. OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE HONORS COMMITTEE CHAIR

- Ms. Lubick stated that the Honors Convocation will take place in the Fine Arts Quad on Friday, May 20 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. There was some thought of honoring faculty or students who have died on the back of the program. It was suggested that they be honors teachers and students. Ms. Lubick would also like to add an item under discussion regarding disciplining students who are disruptive in class and what steps Counseling can take. Ms. Moore stated that there has been discussion in Academic Senate on training for this situation. The question also arose in regard to what degree of disruption. A motion was made and seconded and with no further discussion, the motion was approved to add this item to agenda. In addition, the Fall 2011 Schedule and Honors Option under Action Items should be moved to discussion. A motion was made and seconded and with no further discussion, the motion was approved.

3. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 22, 2010** – Ms. Lubick asked the members to review the minutes from the last meeting. She requested a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded and with no further discussion, the minutes from the 11/22/10 meeting were approved.

5. PRESENTATIONS – None

6. REPORTS

- a. Alpha Iota Report (Elaine Tsai/Dr. Jaffe)** – Alpha Iota will have a team in the MS Walk on Saturday, April 30. They are seeking pledges to support this. During their meeting, they had a coordinator from the MS Walk to speak to the students. They are also having the Alpha Gamma Sigma Convention in Ontario with 21 students attending. Three students have been nominated for awards. They will be having more events in the coming months. Dr. Jaffe relayed that a number of blankets (25 for spring and 25 for fall) have been made to be given to the Domestic Violence (SARS) organization at the Women’s and Children’s Pavilion. Finally, it seems that we will not be able to raise money for the Osher Foundation Scholarship.

b. Report on UCLA Tap Conference (Susan Knapp) – Ms. Knapp was unable to give a report in person. Ms. Lubick stated that all the forms are finished and signed. She will check to see if there are any others. All students need to be kept informed to follow the guidelines and to see Ms. Knapp for counseling. Ms. Lubick also mentioned that UC Irvine does not require certification forms. All she does is approve them online.

7. ACTION ITEMS - none

8. DISCUSSION

a. Fall 2011 Schedule – Ms. Lubick passed out to the members a copy of the revised version of the Fall 2011 Honors Schedule. This had been approved about two years ago so this is just for information purposes. There were a few schedule changes but this should be the way it is set for now.

b. Honors Option Contract Proposal – ASTR 101 – this has been proposed by Dr. McGovern who already teaches Astronomy 101 Honors. One question brought up by Ms. Agahari is how many pages he requires the paper to be.

b. Discussion on Disruptive or Difficult Students and what role Counseling Can Take- Ms. Lubick relayed that a situation had occurred last semester involving a female student that exhibited “eccentric behavior” and was unhappy with the classroom environment. This occurred in one of the Honors courses and it was requested by the teacher if Ms. Lubick could mediate the situation. One of the issues of this student was that she writes very long e-mails (2-3 pages), rants on about various subjects and is continually repeating herself. She gives emotional responses to questions in the classroom instead of concentrating on the subject at hand. She is an excellent student, does her homework very thoroughly and writes very good critical thinking in all of her papers. She is basically an “A” student. In the class in question, she was disruptive quite a bit of the time but in the end she dropped the class. Another instructor had a conversation with her and felt that she was dangerous. This student then put a statement on the internet and claimed her class instructor was authoritarian because she was Chinese (relayed in meeting by Rae Agahari).

Dr. Marder was told by Dr. Hall that the name of the student should be turned over to Counseling for an appointment if you feel you have a concern. The Academic Senate is looking at what can be implemented to handle this, possibly training for both faculty and staff. Ms. Tsai stated that each teacher has the right to feel protected because you never know what can happen outside of the class. The question came up if she should have been registered with OSD but this only applies if you are subject to seizures or have a disability, not depression. Ms. Agahari requested that Ms. Lubick write a return e-mail to Counseling to ask what should be done. Ms. Moore relayed that she had an experience a number of years ago where a student pulled a knife during a night class and a shouting match ensued. The history showed he had also done this to his high school teachers. Dr. O’Neil felt that the behavior of students will probably increase due to the sign of the times (economics, war, etc.). Dr. Nisani queried could these students be dismissed from Honors if they were registered in them. Ms. Lubick replied in the negative that it was not a legal reason for dismissal.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS - none

10. OTHER – Ms. Lubick requested that proposals for honors options be delivered within the next month. Dr. O’Neil stated that he may not be back with the committee next year and Ms. Moore relayed that she will be leaving.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the February 28, 2011 Honors Committee Meeting at 2:57 p.m. Motion carried.