

Memo

To: Stacey Adams
Jeffrie Ahmad
Rae Agahari
Rosa Fuller
Susan Knapp
From: Karen Lubick
Chair, Honors Transfer Alliance Program

Kathy Moore
Dr. Tom O'Neil
Elizabeth Soos
Judy Sullivan

Date: April 27, 2009

Re: April 27, 2009 – Honors Committee Meeting, A141, 2:00-3:00p.m.

1. Reports on UCLA STOMP, TAP Conference and AGS Spring convention
2. Discussion on Toth's course proposal for English 222H
3. Mitchell's course proposal for English 103H
4. Ennis Music 101H course proposal if time allows (S10 Schedule)
5. Discussion on proposed changes to honors eligibility requirements.
 - a. Math requirement
 - b. SAT score
 - c. Number of TAP courses/units completed
6. Honors library room, computer and web pages
7. Options paperwork and preparation for fall



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING
April 27, 2009

Members Present

Karen Lubick	Jeffrie Ahmad
Rae Agahari	Susan Knapp
Rosa Fuller	Stacey Adams
Judy Sullivan	Elizabeth Soos
Kathy Moore	

Absent Members

Dr. Tom O'Neil

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Ms. Karen Lubick, Honors Program Coordinator, called the Honors Committee meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.
2. **Report on UCLA STOMP, TAP Conference and AGS Spring Convention (Karen Lubick)** - Ms. Lubick and several Honors students attended the UCLA TAP Conference. Three of the students chose to go on the self-guided tour. One or two of the students went to several of the talks at the STOMP Conference. Ms. Lubick brought back information from UCLA. This consisted of: UCLA has 12 target majors which has priority for admission. So if we have students who want to go into business, communications or engineering, TAP is not going to provide them with priority consideration like the Letters, Arts, and Sciences majors will. Being in an honors class makes their package look better so the best path for them is to pick one of the less impacted majors or alternate majors. Due to UCLA's new high enrollment, many non-TAP students will not be able to get into their requested major unless they have a highly competitive profile, such as a 4.0 cumulative g.p.a. Students in the TAP program need to get information about these changing trends in order to fulfill paperwork and give them the best chance of being accepted. The committee will consider offering several workshops next year rather than just the one orientation session.

It is up to us to set our own GPA but they have changed the requirements for TAP to 15 units where we do 6 classes (18 units). A consensus of the members believes that we should leave ours at 18 units and 3.25 GPA. One other thing about the form, the box at the bottom of the form is for us to write extended information about the student that we wish them to know. They are giving out \$306,000 in scholarships; right now they have 64 TAP scholars. They have 36 continuing and 28 new. We have until June 5 to make recommendations for TAP Scholars, and they will only be taking 24 candidates, but the dollar amount for each scholarship is higher than last year. They will be having a transfer orientation program in the summer which will cost \$125. We should promote this to our students. It was suggested that we create a foundation fund to cover the cost for these students to attend.

3. **Report on Alpha Iota (Elizabeth Soos)** – Ms. Soos relayed to the members the results of the AGS Conference, which she said went very well. They have different competitions for the chapters. The group entered the badge competition and won for most artistic and best use of materials. Each year, each chapter is allowed to nominate three people for scholarships and two were chosen from AVC. They had the largest contingent attending.

In addition, the honors students recommended that Ms. Lubick receive the outstanding advisor award. Congratulations. She received two lovely awards. But Ms. Lubick was disappointed that the chapter newsletter did not receive any award as she felt it was just outstanding. The chapter will be having a car wash on May 9, elections coming in two to three weeks and are working on the convocations coming up on May 22. The Subject Area Award recipients will be honored also. There is still an opportunity to include more names for these awards but get them to Ms. Lubick as soon as possible.

4. **Toth Course Proposal on English 222H (Lubick)** - Mr. Toth had been requested to put his course proposal on the longer form but as of this date, has not done so. We reviewed the one page document that he submitted. He has taught English 102 a number of times in the past (very experienced honors teacher but for a different course) but the members would just like to determine that what he is proposing is acceptable. A question came up about the division of the literature periods. The answer to that question is it is now divided into two while previously three sections. The members debated about what he is requiring of the students for this course and found that it is quite satisfactory, but Ms. Lubick will contact him again to put the course on the official paperwork.
5. **Kathryn Mitchell Course Proposal on English 103H**– Members were impressed with the way she has presented the course, especially about the AVC board elections. She has done a very thorough job of presenting her material. The proposal is approved for F09.
6. **Ennis Course Proposal for Music 101H** – Ms. Ennis taught this course many years ago. The committee’s opinion is that the course proposal is well expressed and that it will satisfy the honors requirement. The teacher has included concert attendance plus written paper requirements. This course will be offered in the spring 2010. Ms. Agahari mentioned that she has several people who would be willing to teach an honors art offering for the fall. Ms. Agahari would like a clarification on point #4 as it seems to be too much information in one sentence. She also had a question about the value of points. Ms. Lubick will get a clarification on this. Also, there are several sentences at the top of page two in the first paragraph that seem to explain point #4. Ms. Lubick will also ask for clarification on this as it seems to be separate from the point and should be combined with it. We need clarification on how we do current events projects on six time periods, points and if they are 50 points total or 50 points each.
7. **APPROVAL OF HONORS COURSES** - the request was made of the members to approve English 222H. Even though we do not have it in its proper format, the committee members went ahead and approved this course. The request was made of the members to approve English 103H. This course was approved without need for any further clarification. The request was made of the members to approve Music 101H. After some discussion with members and contingent upon some additional information, the members approved Music 101H.
8. **Discussion on proposed changes to honors eligibility requirements (a) math requirement, (b) SAT score, (c) number of TAP courses/units completed.** Changes to our eligibility will be slow to change as we currently have many printed brochures to distribute. Students should be informed that what they read in this brochure will not be correct and that they should be directed to the website for the up-to-date

requirements for honors eligibility. Ms. Lubick recommends that the committee make the requirements stiffer for inclusion into the honors program. Discussion commenced that if they are to meet the honors requirements, they should meet the following: a 550 score or higher on each section of the SAT or assessing into eligibility for math 102 and English 101 or have taken equivalent high school math and English, possibly AP, with a passing grade of C or credit. TAP courses will be kept at 6 with three options by contract permissible.

9. **Honors library room, computer and web pages** – Dr. O’Neil made an attempt to correct the problem with the computer by taking all the information Ms. Lubick had to offer and directing our concerns to IT. We have received an e-mail back from Ms. Moise, indicating that IT was following protocol, rather than working with us to correct the individual problems. It’s difficult to get assistance with IT since Alpha Iota web pages are not in compliance. Ms. Moore will correct this problem with Steve Standerfer. As far as the honors room, the Dean of the Library has forwarded a memo to Ms. Lubick relaying that honors students are not using that room at all so she wishes to speak to her further about this.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Honors Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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