



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE  
HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 23, 2013  
2:00 p.m -- 3:00p.m. Room A141**

To conform to the open meeting act, the public may attend open sessions

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

- a. Members present: Paul Ahad, Barbara Fredette, Angela Koritsoglou, Igor Marder, Scott Memmer, Irene Montalban, Tom O'Neil, John Vento, and Reina Zepeda
- b. Members absent: Susan Knapp and Michael Pesses
- c. Guests: Matthew Jaffe and Leidy Villarreal

**2. OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE HONORS COMMITTEE CHAIR**

- a. Vento introduced Reina Zepeda as Russell Bierle replacement.

**3. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- a. None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Motion to approve the August 26, 2013 minutes; motion was seconded.
- b. Motion passed.

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. None

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Class Size
  - i. Motion to approve, motion seconded
  - ii. Approved unanimously
- b. Spring Classes 2014
  - i. Saved for the October 28, 2013 meeting
- c. Psychology 101 Honors Proposal: Julia Jacobson
  - i. Motion to approve the course, motion seconded
  - ii. Approved unanimously
- b. Honors Policy: One Class or One Honors Option Per Semester
  - i. Motion to approve, motion seconded
  - ii. Approved unanimously

**7. DISCUSSION**

- a. Honors Options
  - i. Vento explained to the committee that the Professional Development committee considered a request to offer professional development credit to instructors offering Honors contracts. After discussing the item, the committee declined to offer credit for this type of work. Since there will be an appeal, Vento asked the committee to email reasons they feel offering Honors contracts enhances them professionally.
- b. Class Size
  - i. The committee discussed changing the current enrollment cap of 18 for Honors courses to 21 on the condition that the minimum enrollment stays at 15. Sharon Lowry agreed to this condition via email on September 27, 2013. Vento explained that some colleges offer a stacked model for Honors classes. The stacked model is

open to honors students to enroll in first. If the class does not fill, non-Honors students may enroll as long as they meet the prerequisite. The committee did not like this model and would prefer to increase the class size rather than consider the stacked model. The committee noted that Honors classes are often overenrolled to 18 in order to accommodate more students since the classrooms the Honors classes are assigned to can often accommodate more than 15. 18 still allows for the U shape desk arrangements and is small enough to have class presentations and small class discussions.

c. Psychology 101 Honors Proposal: Julia Jacobson

d. UCLA TAP Conference

i. The conference is at UCLA on November 8, 2013. If any committee members would like to attend, they should let Vento know.

e. Honors Policy: One Class or One Honors Option Per Semester

i. The committee discussed having all Honors students take at least one honors course or one honors option per semester. As part of this discussion, the committee discussed having an appeal process students would need to go through if they do not adhere to the policy.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

a. None

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

a. Meeting adjourned at 3:01pm

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