



# Honors Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2022  
ZOOM Meeting  
2:30-4:00 PM

**Type of Meeting:** *Regular*

**Note Taker:** Towana Catley

**Please Review/Bring:** Agenda Packet & Minutes

*Committee members:*

**Towana Catley, Faculty Co-Chair**

**Dr. Darcy Wiewall, Faculty Co-Chair**

Christos Valiotis, Dean MSE Administrative  
Member

Rae Agahari, Arts & Humanities (sabbatical)

OPEN, Athletics & Kinesiology

**David L. Adams, Career Tech Ed**

**Tamira Palmetto Despain, Counseling &  
Ex-Officio**

Elinda Parkinson, Health & Safety Sciences

OPEN, Library

**Andres Carrillo, Math Sciences Engineering**

Mike Pesses, Math Sciences Engineering

**Pavinee Villapando, Math Sciences  
Engineering**

**Greg Langner, Rhetoric & Literacy**

**Dr. Matthew Jaffe, Social & Behavioral  
Sciences**

**Kevin North, At-Large**

OPEN, At-Large

**Rachel Jennings Tafarella, At-Large**

**Alberto Mendoza, Adjunct Representative**

Vejea Jennings, Ex-Officio

**John Vento, Ex-Officio**

**Jasmine Walters, Honors TAP Representative**

Diana Ferrassoli & Brandy Lechuga , ASO Representative

**Guest: Howard Pressman, Social & Behavioral**

Items	Person	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	Towana & Darcy	2:36pm order to call
II. Open Comments from the Public		n/a
III. Opening Comments from Co-Chairs & Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spring 2023 Class Schedule</li> <li>● Honors Recruitment Competition Update</li> </ul>	Towana & Darcy	Spring 2023 class schedule Emails have been sent out (for the second time) to honor students to promote honors course that still have space available. This email will be sent out to all enrolled students in December and the week before Spring starts in January.  Honors Recruitment Competition: Tie between Santi, Jessica, John V, Darcy.
IV. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Approval of Minutes – 9.26.2022</li> </ul>	All	<b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b> <b><u>Action Taken:</u></b> Vento motions, Alberto seconds, all

		<p>members approve minutes. Rachel abstains.</p> <p><b>Follow Up Items:</b></p>
<p>V. Action Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressman, PHIL 105 Honors Class Proposal</li> <li>• Mid-Year Honors Student Check in</li> <li>• In-Person Committee Meetings</li> </ul>	<i>All</i>	<p><b>Issues Discussed:</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pressman, PHIL 105 Honors Class</b></li> </ul> <p>Alberto moves, Vento seconds for approval of PHIL105 honors. All members approve.</p> <p><b>Follow Up Items:</b></p>
<p>VI. Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pressman, PHIL 105 Honors Class Proposal</li> <li>• Mid-Year Honors Student Check in /date</li> <li>• In-Person Committee Meetings</li> <li>• Honors Faculty Training Courses/Options</li> <li>• TAP Honors Syllabi Repository</li> <li>• TAP Honors Option Proposal Repository</li> </ul>	<i>All</i>	<p><b>Issues Discussed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pressman, PHIL 105 Honors Class Proposal</b></li> </ul> <p>Review of the PHIL105 honors proposal, and went over the official proposal. Feedback includes: being mindful of too much workload to not be too intimidating and where enrollment into the class is affected. Pressman discusses the idea of having library resources be an additional assignment. Wiewall recommends having a librarian give a presentation to the class. Research papers (5-6 pages each paper) where the drafts are actual assignments&gt; clarity of the assignments and renaming it as this is not a true research paper with all elements. Expectations for time-use of class time where library resources are delved into, and out of class time of assignments. Daily quizzes are substituted with daily journals as daily quizzes can be exhaustive and students eventually burn out. Another suggestion is if quizzes are kept, then dropping the lowest scores. Group discussions to get different perspectives and reflections of the reading. Vento shares his method of confirming students have read which is having in class discussions about the readings and giving questions about each article where Vento shares a sample answer to the question to exemplify a proper response. Use of Pronto App.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mid-Year Honors Student Check in /date</b></li> </ul> <p>January 18th Wednesday 4 to 6pm. Greg motions, Alberto seconds, all members are in favor.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>In-Person Committee Meetings</b> Will continue with zoom based on responses to email survey.</li> <li>● <b>Honors Faculty Training Courses/Options</b> 15 classes were denied by UCs in the CORs that have been denied. Darcy and the Articulation Officer have met with each faculty to go over their submitted COR to be sure it explicitly states what makes them honors as opposed to non honors. We need them to be approved for UC transferability by August 2023.</li> <li>● <b>TAP Honors Syllabi Repository</b> Darcy will discuss with the Deans how to get this started.</li> <li>● <b>TAP Honors Option Proposal Repository</b> Showed new website for honors.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b> Follow up with UCLA TAP scholarship winner former AVC Honors graduate and include into AVC campus update and present to board meeting. Meet with President Zellet about honors.</p>
Adjournment		3:32pm
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE: January 23, 2023</b>		