



**Honors Transfer Council of California
Minutes—September 12, 2025**

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- I. Approval of May 9, 2025 Meeting minutes:** The May minutes were approved as amended.
- II. Officer's Reports:** President's Report: Joachin reported that we don't yet have a president. He is willing to continue as president. He reported that many of our institutions are facing major cuts.
- Vice President's Report:** Differed to Conference report.
- Treasurer's Report:** Nathan reported that we have \$34,000 and he will be sending out invoices and requests for payment.
- Transfer Coordinators' Report:** Alannah and Irena
- **George Washington University** has an agreement with some perks such as recognizing Honors completion as verification of rigor. They will waive application fee. They have around \$7,000 per year scholarship, dispersed over two years. They have good provisions for veterans
 - **Grinnell College** has a similar agreement with guarantee of housing.
 - International students are in limbo with the current political climate. We can't have the automatic DACA button. Students will have to check rights and access on a school-by-school basis.
 - **UC Merced** has a draft agreement similar to UCI. However, they want a higher GPA than 3.1.
 - Our Honors to Honors schools now have a green band on the website. The university transfer agreement pages also have light buttons to specify individual majors or elements of the agreements. We are still trying to keep up with IGETC/CALGETC changes. The members only has documents counselors and directors can use. Never let students know the password, which shall not be leaked here. We need to update any contact information that has changed. Most transfer institutions want the confirmation of our

students' eligibility to come from us not the students. They have a form we should use.

- Alannah spoke about the Transfer Fair. It will be October 10. We, our counselors and students should attend. Many schools such as Grinnell, Amhurst, Chapman, Redlands, Wheaton will be there. Some will have booths but not be able to attend. The information will be on the homepage of the transfer website. Students, counselors and directors will need to register themselves. Registration closes on September 28. Previously, they have had presentations on preparing posters and abstracts, but they don't have that set up yet. At 11:00, Bianca at UCI will have a presentation about what they can do for students without 3.7 GPAs or taggable majors.
- Alannah reminded us that CSUs have local agreements that preclude us having transfer agreements with them.

Secretary: No report.

Conference Report: Emily reported the conference date at UC Riverside: Saturday, March 28. We have secured funding for the next three years, but we need to stay beneath \$18,000 dollars, which means we cannot expand the number of presenters. We want to spotlight community college work by insisting that community college mentors be primary and that the work be done mostly at the college rather than the outside institution. We don't have the registration costs, but they will probably be similar to last year. We need readers for abstracts. Volunteers flooded in. We also need poster judges, who should contact Judy. We have a conflict with the PTK conference. Christina asked if most schools pay for their attendees, and most do so. We have pushed the deadline for submission of abstracts to December 14 rather than 21. We plan on being firmer on deadlines this year. Erik pointed out that this earlier deadline will allow us to be better prepared. Emily will finalize the Directors Guide and send it out; she would also like to have a student flier. We may use Canvas and Submittable. Emily likes Wufoo. We accepted 214 out of 273 oral submissions last year and 71 out of 80 posters. This will probably be the same next year. Emily noted that we do not yet have a moderator coordinator.

III. Student Representatives Report: Ninja and Siqi reported that they have enjoyed their time in Honors programs and are looking forward to contributing. Erik suggested that the student reps reach out to college student contact points such as ambassadors. They should let us know how we can support them. Alannah wants their help updating our student section on the website. Joachin suggested we make their institutional emails public on the website so students and we can contact them. Christina suggested we extend more possibilities for students to talk with other students in their majors.

- IV. NCHC Updates:** Erik is on the board of directors representing two-year colleges. After the November NCHC meeting, there will not be any two-year representation, but we need to improve that in the future. The dues are expensive, but the organization is trying to do something to ameliorate that with value added. Schools could also pay for this out of general rather than Honors budgets. NCHC is also contacting college presidents with value-added information. Erik has suggested that expanding the NCHC's newsletters to VPIs as well as presidents will help the problem of getting this information out. We have a regular two-year check-in that will happen next Friday at 10:30. The theme is co-curricular and experiential learning, though anything is open for discussion. Dues depend upon size, and community colleges pay less than large research institutions.
- V. Presidential Election:** Christina formalized Joachin's position as president by vote of acclamation.
- VI. Summer Retreat Discussion:** It did not happen this summer. We should try to secure a location in our fall rather than spring semesters. August 5 at Santa Ana is tentatively in place. We should email Jodi and Jennifer to suggest topics. Joachin asked if we should have a student breakout section.
- VII. Items from the Floor:** None.
- VIII. Adjournment:** We adjourned at 12:05. We will reconvene at the October 10 meeting.