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**Honors Transfer Council of California**  
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- I. Approval of September 13, 2024 Meeting minutes:** The September minutes were approved as amended.
- II. Officer's Reports:**
- President's Report:** Christina reminded us to nominate students for the student representative position. We also need to update any changes in our contact information. We will have an in-person/hybrid directors and conference meeting at UC Riverside. A colleague has submitted a survey on class models. Most classes had cap sizes for stand-alone classes, ranging between 20 and 25. We can use this information to advocate for lower cap sizes.
- Vice President's Report:** Erik deferred to Conference Chair report.
- Treasurer's Report:** Nathan placed the income statement in the chat. If people have questions, they can contact Nathan.
- Transfer Coordinators' Report:** Alannah is pleased with the responses from transfer partners. We saved around \$2,000 by changing our hosting platform. We may be able to do a spring transfer fair. She wants counselors' feedback on a date that would be best.
- Secretary:** No report. Building Bridges 20-22 pdf was linked at 10:36 in the chat.
- III. Conference Chair Report:** The conference is confirmed for April 5, 2025. The window for submissions will run from November 1-December 20. It will observe the same structure as

last year. He hopes to have the directors' report by the end of October. All submissions must be sent by directors.

- **Conference Program:** Emily requested that people who are interested in serving as abstract reviewers fill out a form to let her know we will participate. Erik stressed that this is a good way of getting faculty involved in the process.
- **Conference Website:** Joachin gave the rough schedule of registrations, stressing that the material will be in the directors' guide. Submission for consideration must be sent by directors. The link for full registration will go live in February. Erik said it's fine to substitute attendees who do attend the conference for those who registered and could not attend.
- **Conference Posters:**
- **Conference Awards and Scholarships:** We will be flexible about how Exemplary Achievement award are decided. Schools decide by their own criteria.
- **Conference Communications:** Evan reminded us that it's important for students who list one contact for group presentations to check their email, though directors will be cc'd on the messages. The window for communication may come before some schools' spring semesters happen.
- **Editor's Report—*Building Bridges* Publication:** Building Bridges 20-22 linked in the chat and on the website.
- **Moderators:** We have a roughly 10 and 2 ratio of moderators who may also be volunteers for things like pointing the way to sessions.

**III. Honors Application—What Questions Does Your Program ask?** Ruth showed East Los Angeles' streamlined Honors application.

**IV. Beginning of Semester Recruitment – Roundtable Discussion:**

- Erik reported recruitment methods such as letters going out to honor roll students, inviting them to apply to Honors. Directors and representative students speak at the President's Dinner. Directors are also involved at transfer fairs and community resource fairs. It's important to put students front and center in these efforts. Directors send invitation letters to faculty. They have put the Honors logo on shirts and are trying to get more interesting logos than the current USC-curious block letters. Selling shirts and merch helps publicize program. Student workers are volunteers not paid. They often learn that the most important and useful thing they did at college was to learn the organizational skills as Honors mentors. They are having things like hikes, movie nights, Honors music symposia, "Talk like a pirate day." Student have ideas, and "Our goal is to say yes." Christina stressed working with our counselors. Faculty members should also recommend students.
- Jodi reports that their ambassadors are involved in social media. They have an "Instagram-takeover." The easiest way to start these efforts is to get many volunteers and contact the people who set up events. She said not to be overwhelmed with all the things people do. "Just do what you can, when you can." We should have students—especially alumni—talk to students.
- Jennifer said Citrus has a box students can check to join programs. Honors is one of them. Students with 3.0 or higher GPAs will start getting notification of Honors, PTK and other Honors-adjacent activities. She also works on regalia.

- Cameron said they have multicultural events and professionals come in with presentations. We should also partner with other organizations: ASB, Emoja, the success centers, et al.

**V. Honors and Common Course Numbering:** Erik said that one of the issues is that the renumbering was at first concerning that we need to make sure the Honors curricula represent something more than the regular sections.

**VI: NCHC Updates:** Erik reported that if we are able to attend in Kansas City this year, we need to fill out the survey Alannah will send out so we can get together at the conference. Next year's conference may be in San Diego. He reminded us that our Presidents have some discretionary funds for things like this. We have two-year check-ins that we can get. He stressed going to Wednesday's "Beginning in Honors" session. Christina said it's enlightening to see what other states are experiencing. She suggested that within the "avalanche of information," try to come away with *one* actionable idea.

**VII: Items from the Floor:** none

**Adjournment:** We adjourned at 11:42.