



Honors Transfer Council of California

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Saddleback College (Virtual Host)

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Danielle Swiontek, Santa Barbara City
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Kassia Wasick, El Camino
Rachel Williams, El Camino
Christina Yamanaka-Vu, Mt. San Jacinto

Guest: Adam Marcotte, Central Lakes

Introduction of Dr. Elliott Stern by Alannah Rosenberg. Dr. Stern welcomed HTCC to the virtual meeting.

I. Welcome

Approval of September 9, 2022, Meeting minutes Motion to accept: Miriam Golbert; Second: Erik Ozolins. Minutes approved unanimously.

II. Officer's Reports:

President's Report

Christina acknowledged all the work Alannah put into organizing the Honors Transfer Fair with close to 500 participants as well as a special welcome for new members. Specific topics of interest will be presented at each meeting; there are also useful resources that can be found on the HTCC website in the shared files link. In addition, meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the website.

UCI: Reports provided later in the meeting. Reminder that Honors students have privileges to UC Irvine Library resources and an e-mail was sent out to all directors outlining the process for accessing databases.

UCLA: A video and slides is available through UCLA Box highlighting admission data for Fall 2022. The TAP program will be sending out a survey to all CC TAP-member Honors Programs and will also

request additional information about each program including completion and transfer dates. The due date is December 2. Directors and Counselors are invited to participate in the TAP Advisory Board. Students have privileges to the UCLA library; details can be found at Tap.UCLA.edu (student tab)

There is still a vacancy for a secretary; please consider joining a fun group of colleagues. Also, some vacancies on conference committees. Our next meeting is virtual Dec 2. A counselor meeting will be held virtually Friday, March 10 from 9:00-10:00am. Please encourage Honors counselors to attend.

Vice President's Report

Courtney will report during Conference Chair report

Treasurer's Report

Christopher sent out invoices to all HTCC colleges for 2022-2023. Some colleges were billed for two years due to nonpayment from last year. Any payments made for dues through the end of 2022 will go to Christopher Sleeper (MiraCosta). Starting in 2023, payment for dues and for HTCC conference fees will go to Nathan Lopez (Compton College)

Transfer Coordinators' Report

Alannah indicated that UCI Honors to Honors would like a list of eligible students by February 10, 2023 (Alannah to verify date). For all students completing Honors or who have met a significant portion of Honors requirements, UCI would like student names by December 14. (See e-mail from UCI) UCLA deadline will be the second week of March. Remind students to avoid listing non-eligible majors as alternate major; 35% of TAP students listed a non-eligible major last year. Alannah suggested using the Intent to Transfer for to track your students. (Link included in chat). She will send updates about every other week.

Alannah will be retiring from Saddleback in 2023 but she has graciously agreed to stay on as HTCC Transfer Coordinator the 2024 academic year. Many accolades to Alannah were expressed by Christina and other directors in the chat.

Secretary (Vacant)

-No Report

III. Conference Chair Report

Conference date: March 25, 2023, in person at UC Irvine. Conference guides will be e-mailed to directors. Please do not share Director's guide with students. Updates have been made to the Poster scoring rubric. Courtney suggested setting an internal deadline in early December for student submission. Director's deadline to upload abstracts is December 23.

Conference Poster: Judy indicated that the committee decided to put more emphasis on the academic portion of posters versus the visual presentation when scoring. Revised rubric to be posted on the HTCC website. Also, the idea of pre-scoring and ranking top 8 posters in each category and final scoring would be completed on the day of the conference to minimize the workload of committee.

Moderators: Brian indicated that recruitment for moderators will start in mid-February. Be on the lookout for e-mails. The logistics of moderator assignments are being discussed. Rachel Williams asked if there would be a maximum of 10 moderators per school. Nathan indicated that this will be discussed. Also, a question about cost for moderators was asked. Christian indicated in the past it was \$10. Alannah and Kathy provided suggestions from previous conferences for assigning moderators. Joaquin suggested lifting the 10-student maximum from each college.

Melissa asked a question about Performance presentation guidelines. Students should submit an abstract that is based on the research component for the piece and indicate performance in their submission. Rachel recommended updating the abstract guidelines on the website and volunteered to annotate recent awardee abstracts. Jodi suggested offering 10 spots per school for the first round of volunteers and then opening up if there are not enough volunteers. She suggested recruiting faculty in the 'Performance' category to review abstracts.

Director's Award: -Suggested nominees: Brian Waddington, Joe Holiday, Danielle Mueller.
The body recommends Joe Holiday for the 2023 award.

Christopher recommended recognizing faculty members that have made significant contributions to their college Honors Program and to the HTCC Conference. Erik suggested a 'faculty fellow'. Perhaps 4-6 each year with their name listed in the conference program. Kathy raised a concern about not being able to verify who registers for the conference. Alannah recommended using Wufoo for registration. Joaquin suggested posting a live Excel on the HTCC website to track registration.

IV. STEM and Honors

Miriam recommends presenting transfer and completion rates for Honors students at various division meetings. Jennifer discussed similar strategies as well as Flex sessions, and meeting with deans. She also emphasized the need to inform faculty of the unique opportunities teaching Honors sections. Miriam added that many faculty like to teach Honors because of lower cap size. Jennifer reiterated the need to identify resistance and address faculty concerns. Guck reminded members to post Honor curriculum to the shared files

V. Program Review and Assessment

Miriam: At College of the Canyons, the Honors Program undergoes an administrative review. She uses the following outcomes: Increase membership in the Honors Program by 30% each year and to increase TAP certification each year. She also includes objectives tied to resources and utilizes data on a biannual basis to demonstrate completion and retention rates of Honors students.

VI. UCR Honors Day

Dan indicated that the 150 available spots filled quickly. In all, 40 students participated which was a bit disappointing for RCC and UC Riverside but overall, it was a positive event. Students may have needed more reminders from UCR. Dan hopes this will become an annual event since it was great for the students that participated. Christina commented that the time of year the event was scheduled (late September) seemed appropriate and Dan agreed.

VII. NCHC Updates: National Collegiate Honors Council

Erik encouraged colleges to join despite the higher costs for membership. A key member of the NCHC Conference team is retiring. The next virtual meeting is December, and all are encouraged to

participate in the 2-year meeting. Contact Erik or Alannah for meeting details. Discussion topics from the previous meeting included the use of Banner in tracking students, articulation with Honors-to-Honors, high school students taking college Honors classes, online asynchronous and curriculum details. In 2023, the National Conference is in Chicago so start planning now.

VIII. In-person vs. Online Balance

Emily presented the strategy utilized by Irvine Valley which included roughly half of Honors courses in person and the other half distributed between hybrid, online synchronous and online asynchronous. The modality distribution is consistent with college-wide offerings. Factors to consider when selecting modality include professor preference, covid mandates and historical trends for individual courses. Students generally prefer on-campus STEM courses and remote non-STEM courses. Brian emphasized that Honors students are more interested in online Honors courses more than ever before. He recommends providing a percentage of sections to be offered online, informing deans and then divisions can decide which sections to offer online. Brian also emphasized that Honors students have higher rates of success and retention in online courses. Some contractual issues impact faculty participation. In the past there was concern about universities accepting online courses. Alannah said that some private schools may not want asynchronous online courses and there might also be a concern with UC/CSU's and lab courses. Guck mentioned that UC's may not accept online lab classes. Joaquin mentioned there are many rumors about which labs are being accepted online. Guck emphasized that there is a shift in CSU's and UC's preferring on ground Honors labs.

11:52 a.m. General Meeting Adjourned