



Honors Transfer of California Minutes—March 14, 2015

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UC Riverside hopes to send notice to students around April 1. Honors eligibility requires a 3.25 or above GPA. The priority transfer deadline for University Honors is May 4. Notification of acceptance or not will be about a week later. The absolute final deadline will be June 1 to be considered. All notifications should be done by June 9. The application consists of two essays and some listing of their leadership activities. The essay prompt asks students to do some research on UCR. If students have not fully decided to accept UCR, they should still sent the application.

1. Approval of February 14, 2015 Minutes: The February minutes were approved as amended.

2. Officers' Reports:

- **President's Report:** Christina expressed warm thanks to UC Riverside. They have been a warm help and constant support over the last several months.
 - Jack Kent Cooke awards will be announced in May.
 - NCHC website for national awards will be up shortly. The site has been updated and will be more specific on what is available. We should link to these awards on our own websites to make them available to students.

- We should prepare “cheat sheets” to let our students and other attendees know where other colleagues are presenting.
 - **Vice President’s Report:** Erik will be stepping down as conference chair. He will help the next person.
 - Since the NCHC conference will be at San Diego, we should encourage our administrations to start NCHC membership.
 - We need to encourage our students, faculty and directors to submit for presentations to the NCHC conference.
 - They plan on having another “two-year check-in” in a couple months.
 - **Treasurer’s Report:** We still have some outstanding dues. We have paid for everything but the last bit of poster costs. He will send out the invoices for the conference on Monday.
 - **Transfer Coordinator’s Report:**
 - **University of San Diego’s** landing page is up.
 - We are still working on the **La Sierra** agreement.
 - **Swarthmore** is in process. It is developing well.
 - Marilyn asked about Yale’s requirements. Alannah reported that Yale is considering applications now. They don’t have anything like IGETC. They will consider HTCC membership as part of that consideration. When we fill out their form, we should make sure to specify HTCC membership.
 - Emily asked about the Honors-to-Honors application for **UC Irvine**. The MOU sounds to her to suggest special consideration status to participation in HTCC that isn’t reflected in the flyer. Alannah explained that the admission process counts Honors as evidence of rigor but it’s not within the campus-wide Honors. The flyer only concerns getting into Honors. UCI does not want to guarantee acceptance into the collegium. They want to avoid students applying to the collegium because they thought it was required when it is not. The institution wants to see sincere interest.
 - Kashima wanted to clarify how we should frame this renewed partnership to our students. Alannah said that if they have a TAG to UCI, they don’t need the partnership; if they have a non-TAG major, the honors to honors will help them. Alannah stressed the language many transfer institutions have: Honors participation suggests evidence of higher rigor.
 - **Secretary’s Report:** No report.
3. **Conference Chair Report:** Erik thanked the conference committee. He will send out an all-directors email highlighting important elements such as parking. He stressed that students should not touch the computers until IT has opened them up.
- Registration will open about 7:15. Opening plenary will be at 8:00, so we need to get on it quickly.
 - Registration will be digital. We will send the QR code to directors the week before.
 - We should stress to our students that the conference is an all-day event.
 - We need to emphasize the partnership event at lunch.
 - We have 650 registrants, up from 600 last year.
 - We need to register our VIPs and let the conference committee know.

- **Conference Program**
 - **Website**
 - **Conference Posters:** Posters need to be submitted by March 21 if students want to try for an award.
 - Kasia asked about the congestion in the posters last year. Erik said there will be less congestion this year. There will be volunteers and a storage room that should alleviate this problem.
 - **Conference Communications:** (Ruth and Evan)
 - **Awards and Scholarships:** Stella has received the outstanding abstract submissions. Erik said the goal is to have the Directors and Outstanding Abstracts awards announced by next week.
 - Erik said that students cannot win both Juan Lara and Exemplary Achievement awards since they are drawn from the same pool. A student may win an Outstanding Abstract or Directors award and an Exemplary Achievement award at the same conference.
 - We are trying to keep the number of Exemplary Achievement award within thirty.
 - Erik reported there will not be a parking fee if we part in Lot 1 or Lot 24. We want to make sure student presenters get the free parking.
 - **Editor's Report:** 2023-24 will come out as a PDF, and 2025 will happen as a single edition.
 - Moderators – (Brian)
4. **Bylaws Update:** We need to update the bylaws and made only three minor needed changes. They were all punctuation changes. We can vote on them later.
5. **HTCC Elections for 2025-2026 Leadership Positions:** We will have elections at the May 9 meeting. We need a new president and vice president. Joachin wants us to send nominations to him before that. We need a New Directors Membership chair. We need a counselor representative and two student representatives. Each college gets one nomination. We need to send in our nominations and the students' applications by the May meeting.
6. **Preparing Student Volunteers and Presenters for the HTCC Conference – Roundtable Discussion:**
- Alannah will send a video to student moderators, helping them feel more comfortable with their tasks.
 - MSJC has moderators practice by moderating the practice sessions.
 - Christina reminded us that we might also train our volunteers to be moderators, just in case they are needed.
 - Brian divides the presenters into fifths and essentially have mini-conferences moving into the conference. One of the professors uses the same method as in class, “shredding” presentations with rigorous defenses. Erik said Mt. San Jacinto does the same thing, stressing it is rigorously if kindly done, ensuring the students are confident going into the conference.

- Kathryn hosted a conference with almost 150 students in December. MiraCosta also has a fall conference. The district paid for the posters, which could be used at more than one conference.
- San Bernardino Valley has mini-conferences.

7. NCHC Updates: No update.

Alannah stressed the virtual transfer fair, which will be Friday.

8. Items from the Floor:

9. Adjournment: We adjourned at 12:05.