

# HONORS COMMITTEE

## Minutes

Monday, March 22, 2021  
 ZOOM Meeting  
 2:30-4:00 PM

**Type of Meeting:** Regular  
**Note Taker:** Tamira Palmetto Despain  
**Please Review/Bring:** Agenda Packet

Tamira Palmetto Despain	Faculty Co-Chair - Present
Vejea Jennings	Faculty Co-Chair - Present
Christos Valiotis, Dean MSE	Administrative Member - Present
Rae Agahari	Arts & Humanities -Present
David L. Adams	Career Tech Ed -Present
Susan Knapp	Counseling – Present
Elinda Parkinson	Health & Safety Sciences – Present
Linda Parker	Library – Present
Dang Huynth	Math Sciences Engineering – Present
Paul Stahmann	Math Sciences Engineering – Present
Pavinee Villapando	Math Sciences Engineering -Present
Dr. Rachel Jennings-Tafarella	Rhetoric & Literacy -Present
Dr. Matthew Jaffe	Social & Behavioral Sciences -Present
Dr. Darcy Wiewall	At-Large -Present
Cynthia Wishka	At-Large – Present
John Vento	Ex-Officio -Present
VACANT	TAP Representative
Joselyn Zuniga	ASO Representative - Absent

Items	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	
II. Opening Comments from the Chair	
III. Open Comments from the Public	
<b>IV. Action Item</b> Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting 2/22/21 (see attached materials)  <b>Approved</b> with 1 abstention from Cynthia Wishka</li> </ul>
<b>V. Action Item</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Honors Option Proposal for Bianca Ascencio/English 103:  <b>Approved with 2 abstentions (Cynthia Wishka and Christos Valiotis)</b>            Video and written proposal were both presented to the committee. The option would focus on the theme of the American Dream. There was some concern from committee members regarding the amount of additional work that would be required to complete the option. It is an extra paper with 3 sources (film, short story, and current event articles). The length of the paper was also not specified and</li> </ul>

	<p>committee members were concerned about the vague nature of the assignment.</p> <p>Vejea and Rachel agreed to work with Bianca to assist her in refining her proposal for students. She was approved to teach an Emergency Honors Option for English 103 for spring 2021. She will not be added to the Honors Option faculty list for now.</p>
<p>VI. Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject Area Awards</li> </ul> <p>The memo is out and faculty are currently considering their nominations. Zoom meetings with Subject Area Award winners should be kept small, within departments. Likely, these zoom meetings will be set up by the nominating faculty and the links sent directly to students. The overall feeling is that these meetings would be well attended by students and possibly, even the students' friends and family.</p> <p>Vejea – everyone needs to be working with their divisions to nominate students. If not already in conversations about nominees – get some conversations started please.</p> <p>Vejea – review the Subject Area Award process.</p> <p>Vento – conversations have started in POLS. Faculty are looking at students now.</p> <p>Vejea – if faculty find an exceptional student that is not majoring in their discipline – please pass on that student name to faculty in their major.</p> <p>David – do we have to check if they are graduating?</p> <p>Vejea- No, we have written the criteria so that we should be capturing students who are graduating or are close to graduation. Students can't win 2 subject area awards.</p> <p>Vento – What if a student graduated in fall 2020 – can we nominate them?</p> <p>Tamira- Yes, they are still part of the 20-21 academic year.</p> <p>Christos – Vejea your reminders are very good. Keep emailing the chairs.</p>
<p>VII. Discussion</p>	<p>Honors Convocation – Process/structure/time</p> <p>There was discussion (based on conversation at last committee meeting) about having one large Zoom Honors Convocation.</p> <p>Vento – The convocation should be broken into 3 parts: Alpha Iota, Honors Scholars, and Subject Area Award winners.</p> <p>Rachel – Events should be small, students won't wait in Zoom 2 hours to hear their name.</p> <p>All around were questions about time – would we have time for a large event via zoom...</p> <p>Last year Honors Scholars where sent an individual email, congratulating them, and a pdf copy of the Honors Scholar Certificate. This was well received and students responded very well to these emails. We could do something like this again...</p>

	<p>Ideas: Have the Electronic Board at K &amp; 30<sup>th</sup> with a scroll of Honors Scholar names. Christos pointed out that students aren't on campus to see the board.</p> <p>Send the list to Betty Sanchez to publish in the AVC Campus Update. Everyone liked this idea. I will get in touch with Betty.</p> <p>Rae – what about next year's Convocation? Could include the 2020 &amp; 2021 students too.</p> <p>Darcy- Agreed that attendance for a Zoom Convocation would be low. Not enough incentive to show up to a 2 hour zoom meeting. Liked the idea of personalized zoom meeting for subject area award winners, and inviting honors scholars to the 2022 Honors Convocation.</p> <p>Elinda – Agreed with Darcy to include our '21 Honors Scholars in next year's Convocation and to have personalized zoom meetings for the Subject Area Award winners.</p>
VIII. Discussion	<p>UCLA TAP Certification and UCI H2H Certification for Fall 2021 transfer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCI – Admission priority for 17 students and able to provide H2H Certification (guarantee) for 10 students.</li> <li>• UCLA – TAP Certification/Admission priority for 25 students</li> </ul>
IX. VIII. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
X. IX. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Next meeting 4/26/21 at 2:30.</b></li> </ul>
XI.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>