# HONORS COMMITTEE Agenda

Monday, October 22, 2018 L-201 2:00PM

| Type of Meeting: Regular                  |                    |  |  |  |  |
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| Note Taker:                               |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Please Review/Bring: Agenda Packet        |                    |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Committee Members:</b>                 |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Tamira Palmetto Despain, Faculty Co       | o-Chair            |  |  |  |  |
| Vejea Jennings, Faculty Co-Chair          |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Irit Gat, Division Dean               |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Rae Agahari, Arts & Humanities            |                    |  |  |  |  |
| David L. Adams, Career Tech Education     |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Susan Knapp, Counseling                   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Denise Walker, Health and Safety Sciences |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Angela Koritsoglou, Rhetoric & Literacy   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Kimberly Thomas, Library Represent        | tative             |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Mark McGovern, Math Sciences          | Engineering        |  |  |  |  |
| Pavinee Villapando, Math Sciences E       | Engineering        |  |  |  |  |
| Dang Huynth, Math Sciences Engine         | ering              |  |  |  |  |
| Dr. Matthew Jaffe – Social and Beha       | vioral Sciences    |  |  |  |  |
| John Vento, Ex-Officio                    |                    |  |  |  |  |
| TAP Representative                        |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Alpha lota/ASO Representative             |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Items                                     | Person             | Action                                     |  |  |  |
| I. Call to Order and Roll Call            |                    |  |  |  |  |
| II. Opening Comments from                 | T Palmetto Despain | a. May 21, 2018 Meeting (attachment)       |  |  |  |
| the Chair                                 | V Jennings         | b. September 24, 2018 Meeting (attachment) |  |  |  |
| III. Open Comments from the               |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Public                                    |                    |  |  |  |  |
| IV. Approval of Minutes                   | ALL                | a. September 24, 2018 Meeting (attachment) |  |  |  |
| V. Old Business                           |                    |  |  |  |  |
| VI. Discussion Items                      |                    | a. Honors Option Proposal (Ariel Tumbaga)  |  |  |  |
|   |                    | (attachments)                              |  |  |  |
|   |                    | b. UC TAP/HTCC Meetings and Report         |  |  |  |
|   |                    | c. Changing Honors Program Acceptance      |  |  |  |
|   |                    | Requirements in Fall 2019                  |  |  |  |
| VII. Action Items                         |                    | a. Honors Option Proposal – Spanish 110SS  |  |  |  |
|   |                    | b. Honors Option Proposal – Spanish 210SS  |  |  |  |
| VIII. Other Business                      |                    |  |  |  |  |
| IX. Adjournment                           |                    |  |  |  |  |
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# HONORS COMMITTEE Minutes Template

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|   | nittee Members:                  |                        |  |  |
| Tamira Palmetto Despain, Faculty Co-Chair – PRESENT |                                  |                        |  |  |
| -   | a Jennings, Faculty Co-Chair- PR | RESENT                 |  |  |
|   | it Gat, Division Dean- ABSENT    |                        |  |  |
| Rae Agahari, Arts & Humanities- PRESENT             |                                  |                        |  |  |
| David L. Adams, Career Tech Education - PRESENT     |                                  |                        |  |  |
| Susan Knapp, Counseling- ABSENT                     |                                  |                        |  |  |
| Health and Safety Sciences (Lori Walker)- PRESENT   |                                  |                        |  |  |
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| Alpha   | i lota/ASO Representative        |                        |  |  |
| •   | Items                            | Person                 | Action   |  |
| Ι.  | Call to Order and Roll Call      | TPD & VJ               | Called to order at 2:05  |  |
| II.   | Opening Comments from            | T Palmetto Despain     | NONE   |  |
|   | the Chair                        | V Jennings             |  |  |
| .   | Open Comments from the           |                        | NONE   |  |
|   | Public                           |                        |  |  |
| IV.   | Approval of Minutes              | ALL                    | a. May 21, 2018 Meeting – approved 10/22/18  |  |
|   |                                  |                        | b. September 24, 2018 Meeting – approved   |  |
|   |                                  |                        | 10/22/18   |  |
| V.  | Old Business                     |                        | NONE   |  |
| VI.   | Discussion Items                 |                        | a. Honors Option Proposal (Ariel Tumbaga) –  |  |
|   |                                  |                        |  |  |
|   |                                  |                        | Lots of excitement for Honors Spanish. There was   |  |
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|                      | discussion regarding the level of rigor needed for<br>transfer – 3.8 GPA is needed for STEM. Major prep<br>continues to be a deciding factor for admissions.<br>UCLA admissions is becoming more diverse.<br>HTCC- Honors Co-Coordinators will type up notes<br>from the meeting and send out to committee<br>c. Changing Honors Program Acceptance<br>Requirements in Fall 2019<br>In light of AB 705 – there was much discussion<br>regarding Honors Program admission at AVC. For<br>Incoming Freshman, the majority of the<br>committee agreed that HS transcripts showing<br>completion of A-G requirements, current program<br>HS GPA (3.5/3.8), and the completion of Algebra 2<br>in HS – should demonstrate college readiness and<br>therefore make a good Honors Candidate.<br>The issue is for current AVC students- 12 units of<br>transfer level coursework completed with a GPA of<br>3.25, AND an added ADVISORY in application that<br>student should complete ENGL 101 and Math 102<br>(or higher) before applying. We will revisit at the<br>next meeting. John- What's the harm of letting<br>anyone who wants in to try. Mark- minor<br>exceptions are the students who aren't ready.<br>Rae- Wanted Advisory in for completion of ENGL<br>101 and Math 102+.<br>Mark- will bring the new Math Placement to the<br>committee at our next meeting. There is talk of<br>developing an Honors Math 110 course. |
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| VII. Action Items    | <ul> <li>a. Honors Option Proposal – Spanish 110SS-<br/>APPROVED 10/22/18</li> <li>b. Honors Option Proposal – Spanish 210SS-<br/>APPROVED 10/22/18</li> </ul>  |
| VIII. Other Business | NONE  |
| IX. Adjournment      | 2:59  |

INSTRUCTOR USE ONLY: By agreeing to offer an honors option to honors students, you agree to fulfill the high standards of the honors program and to sign all appropriate paperwork by the deadline in order for the student to get honors credit for your course. Your project must be approved by the honors coordinator/committee. The following criteria will help us to determine if the project meets honors option criteria and standards. Please be very detailed and specific in your responses. The form below will help you to design an appropriate proposal for consideration. Please fill out completely and with ample details. You only need to fill out this form once for a particular course. Honors Option projects do not figure into the grade for the course, but they should be done to a high standard. If an instructor wants to grade the project, CREDIT or NOCREDIT should be used. Students need not be earning an "A" in a course to do an honors option; however, their work in general must be honors quality. Instructors reserve the right to deny the opportunity of an honors option to any student in any course.

# (Spanish 110SS: Spanish for Heritage Speakers)

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- Please provide an overview of the proposed option. Be sure to show how it differs from what other students do in your course.
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Students will write an additional composition (5 pages in Spanish or 8 pages in English, depending on instructor and student needs) with thesis, and prepare a 10 minute presentation in addition to other essays and a class presentation assigned to the class. Centered on the themes of migration, race, and gender, the Honors Option assignment will complement existing coursework and give the student a deeper understanding of Latin American, Mexican, and Chicanx history and culture.

2. Describe how the option will strive for a high degree of student participation and involvement.

The student will work beyond the recommended 15 hours of class and homework by reading, comprehending, and analyzing works dealing with cultural topics related to coursework. The student will also take time to meet with the instructor throughout the semester for discussions on Honors Option assignments. The student will have a more profound understanding of the topics covered in class, and will thereby be a more engaged participant. Proposed topics are highly relevant to issues important to Latin American and Latinx communities, and will therefore help foster a sense of cultural and historical continuity between the student and Latin America.

3. List the specific meeting dates, deadlines and tasks.

#### Schedule:

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4. What activities, assignments, or readings will provide greater depth and breadth of subject matter?

The readings will be centered on the themes of migration, race, and gender as a complement to existing course topics. Assigned readings may include José Martí ("Nuestra América"), José Carlos Mariátegui ("Siete ensayos de interpretación de la realidad peruana"), Manuel Gamio (*Forjando Patria*, sections), Octavio Paz ("Los hijos de la Malinche" and other essays from *El laberinto de la soledad*), Gloria Anzaldúa ("La prieta" and other essays), Cherríe L. Moraga ("La güera" and other essays), Yolanda Broyles-González ("Indigenizing Catholicism: Chicana/India/Mestiza Indigenous Spiritual Practices in Our Image"), and Edward Telles ("Phenotypic Discrimination and Income Differences among Mexican Americans," "The Project on Ethnicity and Race in Latin America (PERLA)"), as well as Martínez Casas, Regina, Emiko Saldívar, René D. Flores, and Christina A. Sue ("The Different Faces of Mestizaje: Ethnicity and Race in Mexico").

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7. Overall, please describe how this honors option by contract project will benefit the honors student.

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