



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
May 18, 2015
2:00 p.m.
A-140**

To conform to the open meeting act, the public may attend open sessions

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR
3. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. April 27, 2015 Honors Meeting (attachment)
5. OLD BUSINESS
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Committee Structure (attachment)
 - b. Honors Program Exit Survey Questions
 - c. Honors Convocation Survey Questions
 - d. Honors Convocation Feedback (survey)
7. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Committee Structure Change
8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. ADJOURNMENT

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Honors Committee Meeting Minutes for May 18th, 2015 2:00pm room A-140

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order at 2:20pm. The following members were present:

Kathy Bingham, Bassam Salameh, Angela Koritsoglou, Susan Knapp, Mark McGovern, Matthew Jaffe, John Vento, Rae Agahari, LeShaeveon Rowe, Elizabeth Wells, Mike Pesses, Alexander Nelms.

2. OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Our illustrious leader John Vento said that Fall enrollment for honors courses is awesome. It is better than in previous years. We have early and strong enrollment from local High Schools. John was keynote speaker at the 4.0 dinner. Currently we have 392 students enrolled in the honors program compared to 320 at this time last year.

3. OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES a. April 27, 2015 Honors Meeting

Minutes were approved with minor corrections noted.

5. OLD BUSINESS 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Committee Structure

John asked the committee to consider a new committee structure that would have one person from each division. We would phase in a new term as current members would stay until the end of their term. A motion was made to have John take the issues to the Academic Senate. The motion was approved.

b. Honors Program Exit Survey Questions

c. Honors Convocation Survey Questions

d. Honors Convocation Feedback (survey)

The committee was asked about how we could improve the Honors Convocation and several suggestions were made:

Basam thinks the Performing Arts Theater is not a good place to hold the event and that the ushers are rude and mean to people. It was suggested that the theater be decorated with ropes to cordon off the crack in the floor and rented plants to help create a friendlier space.

A 2 minute warning to presenting faculty so they do not speak too long was suggested.

Approved: September 28, 2015 Honors Program Committee Meeting

Better guidelines for presenting faculty was suggested and it was suggested that if we had a member from each division on the committee that they work with the faculty presenting from their division. Only one faculty member should speak about each honoree.

Students involved should get an e-mail about how the event will go so they are prepared and can let their guests know what to expect.

Perhaps we can use the green room or wings to better organize the group coming next in program and to remind faculty of the guidelines.

John asked if a later week in the semester would work better and the group said yes. John suggested he try for the week of May 13th next year for the event.

The committee would like John to be recognized in the program as Honors program director.

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Committee Structure Change

A motion was made to have John take the issue of a committee structure change to the Academic Senate. The motion was approved.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The committee will meet the first day of Fall semester 2015—August 24th at 2:00. Location to be announced.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05PM.

HONORS CONVOCATION SURVEY QUESTIONS

- 1: What was your favorite part of the Honors Convocation?
- 2: What was your least favorite part of the Honors Convocation?
- 3: How can the Honors Convocation be improved?

Current	Academic Senate – Faculty	John Vento
Admin. Member	V.P. of Academic Affairs – Dean	Tom O'Neil
Faculty Member	Academic Senate – Language Arts	Angela Koritsoglou
Faculty Member	Academic Senate – Math, Science, and Engineering	Michael Pesses
Faculty Member	Academic Senate – Math, Science, and Engineering	Mark McGovern
Faculty Member	Academic Senate – Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance	Kathy Bingham
Faculty Member	Academic Senate – Visual and Performing Arts	Rae Agahari
Faculty Member	Academic Senate - Math, Science, and Engineering	Pavinee Villapando
Faculty Member	Academic Senate - Math, Science, and Engineering	Bassam Salameh
Counseling Faculty	Academic Senate – Student Services	Susan Knapp
TAP Representative	Transfer Alliance Program	Elizabeth Wells
Alph Iota/ ASO Rep.	Alpha Iota Representative.	VACA

REVISED STRUCTURE

Chair

Administration (DEAN)

Counseling Faculty

Alpha Iota Faculty Advisor

Language Arts Faculty

Math and Science Faculty

Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance

Math, Science, and Engineering Faculty

Visual and Performing Arts

Social and Behavioral Sciences

At Large Member (???)