



**ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING
September 26, 2011
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Room A141**

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 - b. Summer work, honors-related problems, etc. (Lubick)
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 - b. Course proposals: Theatre Arts 101H (Heebner)
7. **DISCUSSION**
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 3. Math requirement
 4. Number of courses/units
 5. Grade point average
 - b. Spring schedule and two year planning
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9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Karen Lubick (chair), Dr. O'Neil (dean), Igor Marder, Susan Knapp, Rae Agahari, Angela Koritsoglou, Zia Nisani, Iqra Yousufzai, and Matthew Ellison were present. Dr. Jaffe and Emily Heebner were present as guests/speakers. Fredy Aviles was not present.

(Assign a recorder to take the minutes in lieu of an administrative asst.)

Rae Agahari assisted Lubick in taking minutes. Angela Koritsoglou was introduced as a new faculty member. Iqra Yousufzai and Matthew Ellison were introduced as our new student members.

2. **OPENING COMMENTS FROM THE HONORS COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Ms. Lubick asked if we could move 6b to the top of the agenda to allow Ms. Heebner to give her presentation before we conducted our other business. (Committee agreed unanimously).

3. **OPEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. April 25, 2011

Knapp motioned to approve the minutes of April 25, 2011. Nisani seconded.

A vote was taken. All approved. Motion passed.

5. **REPORTS**

a. Alpha Iota Report (Dr. Jaffe/Iqra Yousufzai/Matthew Ellison)

Ellison and Yousufzai took turns remembering the events: Car Wash at Suburban Realty on 10/2 (Monies toward SARS blankets); Candy sale before Halloween; Videogame Marathon foal of at least 48, but hopefully 72 hours. Jaffe mentioned the change in leadership and room configuration of Alpha Iota. He announced the AGS Fall Regional convention at C.O.C. He also mentioned the students volunteer to feed homeless at a church in Palmdale (Feed My Sheep). Knapp commended the new President, David Navarette, for a great job organizing the Welcome Back Breakfast, providing complimentary breakfast items for faculty. Lubick stated it was the first time the club had made profits from that event.

b. Summer work, honors-related problems, etc. (Lubick)

Lubick informed the committee that the Dean's and President's lists had been about one month late from Admissions and Records with no explanation. There was a mistake made by the Academic Senate office and the President's list recipients received a letter saying they were on the Dean's list. La Donna Trimble had indicated that she would send these students an email. Lubick said it was the first time since she had chaired the program that such a mistake had been made. Lubick also lamented how difficult it was to work from home on honors projects without an effective computer system. Lubick informed the committee that she had been asked to cut her LHE for summer, and had done so with Senate to 2LHE instead of 3LHE. The two courses, Math 115H and Astr 101H, that had not been filling, had been converted to Hybrid courses. The other courses, Th 101H, Soc 101H and Econ 102, ended up filling with last minute adds to the program, respectively around 13-18 students in these three. The other four courses filled to 18 or over. It was later discovered that some non-honors students, once again, were added to the courses by a counselor override. Lubick has asked Trimble to research this matter. Lubick concluded with the possibility that we need to shrink our curriculum to ensure all courses will fill.

c. TAP report

Lubick announced that two TAP students, Bryan Davis and Stephen Milburn, received UCLA TAP scholarships of \$5000.00 for the 2011-12 academic year. This is an increase from previous years when we often had one student earn the scholarship.

6. **ACTION ITEM**

a. New honors options contract proposals

1. History 101, 102, 104 from Matthew Koppers

Motion was made to approve proposal (open up discussion) Knapp; Marder 2nd

Agahari indicated the proposal form was too general and needed to be revised on three separate forms with more explanation and detail. Nisania aslo wanted it to be returned for thorough revision. Lubick said he had rushed to get it in on time at her insistence, and she would discuss how to revise it with him.

No vote was taken as a consensus was indicated on necessary revision.

2. Dance 101 from Cindy Littlefield

Motion was made to approve proposal (open up discussion) Nisani; Knapp 2nd

Knapp liked that the students would be participating in actual choreography, and that is was gender neutral.

A vote was taken. Proposal was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Geography 105 and Geography 107 from Mike Pesses

Motion was made to approve proposal (open up discussion) Agahari; Koritsoglou 2nd

O'Neil expressed concern over legal issues with field trips. He asked to relay to Pesses to have the students transport themselves to Manzanar or Vasquez Rocks to avoid risk management. Nisani said he would discuss the matter with Pesses. A vote was taken. Proposal was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

4. History 107 from Ralph Brax

A committee member asked if the students would be presenting their papers. Lubick would check with Brax.

Motion was made to approve the proposal from Knapp; Koritsoglou 2nd. A vote was taken. Proposal was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Biology 102 from Barbara Fredette

O'Neil asked Nisani if 102 was an impacted class. Nisani replied no. Knapp stated it is a good class for students who are seeking life science credit when they're not Science majors. Nisani raised the concern of a needed protocol for involving human subjects in experiments. He asked if the researcher could be the subject. He will talk with Fredette about this issue. Motion was made to approve by Knapp; Marder 2nd.

A vote was taken. Proposal was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

6. French 101 with Lietter Bohler

Lubick mentioned this course was approved previously as an honors option, but the instructor was formalizing it with the current proposal. Nisani motioned to approve; Knapp 2nd. A vote was taken. The proposal was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Course proposal: Theatre Arts 101H (Heebner)

[This agenda item was moved to the first discussion on the agenda.]

Ms. Heebner was present to discuss her course in progress. She had taken over when Mark Branner had resigned, so her proposal was presented after the fact. She described the course and how 15 students were taking part in the design of the course, which includes intercultural components. The course allows students to embrace open-endedness and personal expression. Due to her major in English, Heebner incorporates lots of writing and has the students take a more active role in Theatre Appreciation. The biggest difference between the traditional course is the play *Angels in America* for the honors students. This will allow discussion of controversial times in America such as McCarthyism, AIDS, etc. They will also look at how the play evolved from Broadway and how it is portrayed on film.

Knapp motioned to approve the proposal; Nisani 2nd. Knapp commended Heebner on her enthusiasm. Nisani asked her how she achieves her high expectations. Heebner replied by working with students one on one. O'Neil asked if she uses turnitin.com to spot plagiarism. Heebner replied she has enough experience in this area. A vote was taken. The proposal was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **DISCUSSION:**

What criterion we will change for 2012-13: Writing sample, Letter of recommendation, Math requirement, Number of courses/units, Grade point average, Spring schedule and two year planning

These items were tabled for the next meeting. Lubick indicated they would be under action items in case we wanted a vote, so the committee members should ponder them until next month.

8. **OTHER** Next meeting (Oct. course proposals for Phil 105H, Geog 105H, Engl 102)

9. **ADJOURNMENT** Lubick adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

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