



Honors TAP Committee Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2026
Mesquite Hall (MH) - 246
2:30-4:00 PM

Type of Meeting: Regular
Note Taker: Towana Catley

Please Review/Bring: Agenda Packet & Minutes

Committee members: Bolded names reflect attendance

Towana Catley, Faculty Co-Chair Dr.
Darcy Wiewall, Faculty Co-Chair
Dr. Jedidiah Lobos, Dean MSE, Administrative Member
Carla Corona, Arts & Humanities
Dietra Jackson, Counseling
Kristal Ibrahim, Counseling
Elinda Parkinson, Health & Safety
Sciences
Jacqueline Seekamp, Library
Kaitlin Bessinger, Math Sciences Engineering
Pavinee Villapando, Math Sciences,
Engineering
Greg Langner, Language & Communication
Arts

Dr. Matthew Jaffe, Social & Behavioral
Sciences
Alberto Mendoza González Larreynaga, Social
& Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Rachel Jennings-Tafarella, At-Large
John Vento, Ex-Officio
Daniel McCabe, Adjunct Representative
Shannon Hyman, ASO Student Representative
Bianca Nichols, Honors TAP Student Representative

Dean Van Rider, proxy for Dean Lobos
Nathasha Hong, Guest (committee member pending
Academic Senate approval)
Richie Hao, Guest (committee member pending Academic
Senate approval)

OPEN, Aerospace, Industrial Arts & Applied Technologies
OPEN, Athletics & Kinesiology
OPEN, Math Sciences Engineering

	Person	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	Towana & Darcy	2:38pm
II. Open Comments from the Public		It's week 11, Woohooo! Regarding the honors committee membership, there were 2 seats that exec did approve, but it was not communicated. Darcy had to resubmit the rest of the seats to be approved.
III. Approval of Agenda Approval of Agenda – October 26, 2026	All	Approval of Agenda Oct 26, 26: Elinda motions, Darcy seconds to approve today's agenda, all in favor.
IV. Approval of Minutes Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2026	All	Issues Discussed: Action Taken: Approval of Minutes Sept 28, 2026: Elinda motions to approve minutes, Darcy seconds minutes. Greg motions, Vento seconds approval of Dr. Jennings HO Proposal from Sept 28 meeting. All in favor to add the correction for Sept 28 minutes with the exception of Kaitlyn, Alberto, Jacqueline, Kristal, Pavinee, and

		Richie who abstain. <u>Follow Up Items:</u>
V. Informational Items Winter/Spring Honors Classes	<i>All</i>	Inter/Spring 2026 Honors Courses: List of honors courses will be sent out to honors program email and posted on the website
VI. Report	<i>All</i>	<u>Issues Discussed:</u> <u>Action Taken:</u> <u>Follow Up Items:</u>
VII. Action Item - Honors Option Proposals - Schroer, CHEM 210	<i>All</i>	<u>Issues Discussed:</u> <u>Action Taken:</u> CHEM 210 Schroer H.O. Proposal: Elinda motions, Greg seconds approval to continue offering this H.O., all in favor <u>Follow Up Items:</u>
IX. Discussion - Honors Option Proposals - Schroer, CHEM 210 - Fall Honors Mixer October 28, 3-5pm UH 223 - Honors TAP Handbook Draft - Outstanding Honors Option Proposals	<i>All</i>	<u>Issues Discussed:</u> CHEM 210 Schroer H.O. Proposal: Clarification that it is just to continue/renewal this H.O. Fall Honors Mixer: This Wednesday, 3 cheese 3 pizza, bag of ice from Costco by Vento Darcy-drinks; Towana-games and cutlery. Honors Canvas & Handbook: SAA is the main reason why we want to have the Honors Canvas as well as the handbook which details the honors course/option proposals. Agree on SAA steps in November meeting. SAA: We will put all faculty into the canvas so they have access to see the grad list and make nominations. Outstanding H.O. Proposals: Darcy will send a final announcement to faculty who are still outstanding (March 2027 deadline). This notice will give details if they later want to return to teach H.O., they can submit a proposal. This is to avoid any pauses in the offerings. Question asked: if we have a subject where we group together honors options for the same subject/class, is this fine? Answer yes. This was already done with Biology. To maintain faculty to faculty relations,

		committee members have communicated to their divisions for folks who are outstanding rather than going to the Deans or faculty chairs. <u>Action Taken:</u> <u>Follow Up Items:</u>
Adjournment		3:08pm
NEXT MEETING DATE: November 23, 2026		November 23, 2026