



3.24.25 Honors TAP Minutes

Monday, March 24, 2025

UH 232 In Person 2:30-4:00 PM

dante of scholars & champions			
Type of Meeting: Regular	Pleas	e Review/Bring: Agenda Packet & Minutes	
Note Taker: Towana Catley			
Committee members: (bolded names reflects attendance)	Dr. Matthew	Jaffe, Social & Behavioral Sciences	
Towana Catley, Faculty Co-Chair	David L. Adams, Social & Behavioral Sciences		
Dr. Darcy Wiewall, Faculty Co-Chair	Kevin North, At-Large		
Dr. Jedidiah Lobos, Dean MSE, Administrative Member	Dr. Rachel Jennings Tafarella, At-Large Hannah Valencia, Adjunct Representative Vejea Jennings, Ex-Officio John Vento, Ex-Officio		
Rae Agahari, Arts & Humanities			
Reina Burgos, Counseling			
Dietra Jackson, Counseling			
Elinda Parkinson, Health & Safety Sciences			
Jacqueline Seekamp, Library	OPEN, Athletics & Kinesiology		
Kaitlin Bessinger, Math Sciences Engineering Mike	OPEN, Career	Technical Education	
Pesses, Math Sciences Engineering	OPEN, ASO Representative Camille Muray, Honors TAP		
Pavinee Villapando, Math Sciences, Engineering			
Greg Langner, Language & Communication Arts	Representativ	ve	
Items	Person	Action	
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	Towana &	2:30pm	
		2.50pm	
II. Open Comments from the Dublic	Darcy		
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III. Approval of Agenda	Towana &	David Adams motions to approve	
 Approval of Agenda- March 24, 2025 	Darcy	agenda, Greg Langner seconds, all in favor.	
 IV. Approval of Minutes • Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2025 	All	Greg Langner motions to approve last month's meeting minutes, Elinda seconds, all in favor.	
V Informational Itoms	All		
V. Informational Items	All	2024-2025 SAA	
2024-2025 Subject Area Awards		Less than 10 SAA nominations were	
UCTAP Numbers		submitted to date. Kaitlynn shares she	
 Marketing Meeting 		cannot see the "Advisor" tab to see student	
		information to make determination of	
		nomination. Counselors in the division can	
		be a resource to instructional faculty when	
		, this happens. Dean Lobos will ask Deans at	
		their next meeting to remind their faculty to	
		submit SAA. SAA deadline extension from	
		March 28 th midnight to April 7 th . Co-chairs	
		requested faculty to report if they do not	
		have the "Advisor" tab in their myAVC	
		portal.	
		UC TAP Numbers for this year, Fall 2025	
		entry	
		UCLA 28, UCI 19, Honors TAP 46 students	
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		Co-chairs met with Marketing team to share
		details about Honors TAP, goals to recruit
		more from local high schools, and to have an
		ongoing promotion campaign on campus
		through campus updates, social media, etc.
		Very receptive and promos are in the works.
VI. Report	All	Issues Discussed:
		Division Meetings Report
Honors TAP Committee Proxy		No reports from divisions. Committee
		members agree that they do report
		Honors TAP meetings to their divisions.
		Proxy
		Darcy requests all committee members
		report who their proxies are by April
		meeting.
		Action Taken:
		Follow Up Items:
VII. Action Item	All	Issues Discussed:
April 28 meeting 3:00-4:30pm		Action Taken:
Honors Option Online Classes/AVC Cap		April 28 th meeting moved from 2:30pm to
		3:00pm start and finish at usual 4:00pm.
Honors Graduation Regalia		Elinda Parkinson motions, Greg Langner
 FPD's for 2025-2026/Welcome Back Day 		seconds, all in favor.
Spring Honors Mixer		
		Honors Option Online Classes
		Discussion to allow for honors option class to
		be online. This would involve faculty to
		submit proposal to committee during the fall
		if they want to offer Honors Option online.
		Proposal template should have a question
		added if faculty wants to teach the course
		online and if so must submit a proposal with
		the online modality. Approved.
		Honors Convocation Speeches to be
		removed from program. Greg Langner
		motions to approve this change, Dean
		Lobos seconds, all in favor.
		Honors Grad Regalia
		Honors TAP/Scholar tassels paid by Honors
		TAP budget provided by Academic Senate for
		2025 graduates. Elinda motions, John Vento
		seconds, all in favor.
		Honors FPD 2025-2026 Fall Welcome Back
		Day
		John Vento motions for approval to have
		honors FPD for Fall and Spring, Greg seconds.
		All in favor.
		May 19 th Honors Committee Meeting
		Last honors meeting for the spring term. Due
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	to Memorial Day holiday, Elinda Parkinson
	motions to approve moving the meeting to
	May 19 th , David Adams seconds, all in favor.
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	Follow Up Items:
VIII. Discussion	April 28 meeting
April 28 meeting 3:00-4:30pm	Due to another meeting with the VPAA,
Honors Option Online Classes/AVC Cap	Darcy asks committee if we can move April
Honors Graduation Regalia	28 th meeting from 2:30pm to 3:00pm
• FPD's for 2025-2026/Welcome Back Day	start.
Spring Honors Mixer	Honors Convocation
Student Success Conference 4/1-4/3 Volunteers	Discussion to remove 1 minute speeches-this
2024-2025 Honors TAP/SAA Convocation	may be one factor in the SAA nominations
2024-2025 Honors TAP Goals	being low. Change 1 minute speech
	requirement to a "recommendation" on the
	SAA submission form. This will decrease the
	time for the SAA portion of convocation
	including the spanish translation no longer
	needed for the speeches. If speech was
	already provided, then add it to the student
	SAA certificate.
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	End of Semester Honors Survey
	Discussion to have an Honors Option survey
	for all students who completed Honors
	Options. Anonymous survey to capture their
	experience, their projects with their
	professor and how often did they meet.
	Honors FPD 2025-2026 Fall Welcome Back
	Day
	Darcy proposes we have a session during
	Welcome Back Day, and to have one during
	the spring covering "best practices for
	honors" John Vento motions for approval,
	Greg seconds. All in favor.
	Student Success Conference (SSC) 2025
	We have Honors TAP students who will
	volunteer to promote at the honors table
	during the resource fair. If committee
	members will like to join it will be held April
	2-5 th during spring break. Please contact co
	chairs for more info.
	2024 2025 Honors TAD Cools
	<u>2024-2025 Honors TAP Goals</u> Goal #3: Honors numbers still not reached
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NEXT MEETING DATE: April 28, 2025	
Adjournment	4:04pm
	Goal #4: Mt Jacinto College and Foothill has a honors handbook. Further discussion will be tabled for future meeting. Goal #8: Honors Ambassadors are used for outreach events on a volunteer basis. Currently SSC have ambassadors. Outreach has emailed co chairs for specific events to have Honors Ambassadors present. Honors Ambassadors working with Outreach is currently moving as events come and they are requested. Goal #9: Will begin this goal in the start of Fall 2025 for the 2025-2026 goal. Goal #10: Seeking to have BIOL104 back. Increase of STEM honors is still being pursued. Hopefully with future honors FPDs, we can recruit more faculty to teach.