



# Honors TAP Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 28, 2025  
Anthropology Lab, Uhazy Hall 223  
3:00-4:30 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 -  
**Dean Kathryn Mitchell as proxy**  
**Rae Agahari, Arts & Humanities**  
Reina Burgos, Counseling  
**Dietra Jackson, Counseling**  
**Elinda Parkinson, Health & Safety Sciences**  
**Jacqueline Seekamp, Library**  
**Kaitlin Bessinger, Math Sciences Engineering**  
Mike Pesses, Math Sciences Engineering  
**Pavinee Villapando, Math Sciences, Engineering**  
Greg Langner, Language & Communication Arts

**Dr. Matthew Jaffe, Social & Behavioral Sciences**  
**David L. Adams, Social & Behavioral Sciences**  
Kevin North, At-Large  
Dr. Rachel Jennings Tafarella, At-Large  
Hannah Valencia, Adjunct Representative  
Vejea Jennings, Ex-Officio  
**John Vento, Ex-Officio**  
**Camille Murray, Honors TAP Representative**  
Sarah Alcala Inda, ASO & Honors TAP Representative  
  
OPEN, Athletics & Kinesiology  
OPEN, Aerospace, Industrial Arts & Applied Technologies

Items	Person	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	Towana & Darcy	3:06pm
II. Open Comments from the Public		No comments
III. Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Agenda – April 28, 2025</li> </ul>	All	David Adams motions to approve today's agenda, Elinda seconds, all in favor, Dean Mitchell abstains.
IV. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2025</li> </ul>	All	<p><b>Issues Discussed:</b> Honors Option Online Classes, tabled for next meeting (amend to March minutes)</p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b> David motions to approve minutes, Kevin North seconds, all in favor. Dean Mitchell abstains.</p> <p><b>Follow Up Items:</b></p>
V. Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Members Term Ending</li> <li>Spring Honors Mixer</li> <li>Honors Graduation Regalia</li> <li>Student Success Conference</li> <li>FPD Welcome Back Day</li> <li>2024-2025 Subject Area Awards Memo</li> </ul>	All	<p><b>Committee Members Term Ending</b> Reference to "Honors Program Committee Information Sheet": Changes made per Academic Senate by Darcy to update term expiration. Discussion on terms and proxies.</p> <p><b>Spring Mixer</b> Turn out from students was not as they were from fall 2024, but more faculty turn out. Still fun, served as a purpose for students and faculty to meet.</p>

		<p><b>Honors Graduation Regalia</b> Tassels are here! Students can pick them up at Honors Convocation with their Certificate of Achievement</p> <p><b>SAA</b> A suggestion is to have a direct link to the nomination form (rather than to the Honors Convocation online page). Explore other ways to make the nomination process straight forward. Co-Chairs are exploring avenues with IT to have SAA nomination and Honors Option Contracts accessible off campus if possible. There are issues with online security and firewalls which is why currently Honors Option Contracts are only accessible on campus. Something to look into for the next SAA process.</p> <p><b>SSC</b> Had 5 Honors Ambassadors present to recruit and promote Honors TAP. Had at least 8 pages filled with high school student information to invite them to attend Honors TAP Online Orientation. Feedback from Camille, bring paper weights and candy to bring at the next tabling event.</p> <p><b>FPD Welcome Back Day</b> Waiting for confirmation about having a breakout session for Honors FPD on this day.</p>
<p>VI. Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honors TAP Proxy for each Representative</li> </ul>	All	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b> <b>Honors TAP Proxy</b> Elinda Parkinson- Ann Volk Jacqueline Seekamp-Wendy Rider Dr. Matthew Jaffe- will identify someone for next meeting</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b> <b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b></p>
<p>VII. Action Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honors Option Online Classes/AVC Cap</li> </ul>	All	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b> <b><u>Action Taken:</u></b> <b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b></p>
<p>VIII. Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honors Convocation Planning</li> <li>Honors Option Online Classes/AVC Cap</li> <li>Alpha Iota Information</li> <li>2025-2026 Honors TAP Goals</li> </ul>	All	<p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b> <b>Alpha Iota</b> Update advisor for Alpha Iota, remove Dr. Mark McGovern. Dr. Jaffe will email Towana the Alpha Iota student names and who are for permanent membership by Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p><b>2025-2026</b></p>

		<p><b>Honors TAP</b></p> <p><b>Goals</b></p> <p>FYI please review. This will be discussed in next meeting.</p> <p><b>Honors Convocation</b></p> <p>Discussed the agenda, went through faculty names with corrections. Explored the flow of Subject Area Award, Alpha Iota, Honors TAP with students on stage.</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adjournment</li></ul>		4:27pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>NEXT MEETING DATE: May 19, 2025</b></li></ul>		



## Committee Information Sheet

### Honors Program Committee 2024 – 2025

	Appointed By:	Name:	Term Length	Term Expiration
Faculty Co-Chair	Academic Senate	Dr. Darcy Wiewall	1 of 3	Day prior to first day of Fall 2027 semester
Faculty Co-Chair	Academic Senate	Towana Catley	1 of 3	Day prior to first day of Fall 2027 semester
Admin Co-Chair	V.P. Academic Affairs Designee	Dr. Jedidiah Lobos	Standing Member	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
Faculty Rep	Aerospace, Industrial Arts & Applied Technologies	OPEN	1 of 3	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
Faculty Rep	Arts & Humanities	Rae Agahari	2 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 Semester
Faculty Rep	Health & Safety Sciences	Elinda Parkinson	2 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 semester
Faculty Rep	Kinesiology & Athletics	OPEN	2 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 semester
Faculty Rep	Library	Jacqueline Seekamp	1 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
Faculty Rep	Math, Science, & Engineering	Kaitlin Bessinger	1 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
Faculty Rep	Math, Science, & Engineering	Mike Pesses	2 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 semester
Faculty Rep	Math, Science, & Engineering	Pavinee Villapando	2 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 semester
Faculty Rep	Language & Communication Arts	Gregory Langner	1 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
Faculty Rep	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Dr. Matthew Jaffe	1 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
Faculty Rep	Social & Behavioral Sciences	David L. Adams	2 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 semester
Ex-Officio Faculty Rep	Social & Behavioral Sciences	John Vento	1 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
Adjunct Rep	Academic Senate	Hannah Valencia	1 of 2	Last day of Spring 2027 Semester
At-Large Rep	Academic Senate	Dr. Rachel Jennings	2 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 semester
At-Large Rep	Academic Senate	Kevin North	1 of 2	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
Honors TAP Counselor	Student Services	Reina Burgos	Standing Member	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
EOPS, Honors TAP Counselor	Student Services	Dietra Jackson	Standing Member	Day prior to first day of Fall 2026 semester
TAP Student Rep	Transfer Alliance Program	Camille Murray	1 of 1	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 semester
Alpha Iota /ASO Student Rep	Alpha Iota	Sarah Alcala Inda	1 of 1	Day prior to first day of Fall 2025 semester