



Honors TAP Committ ee MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 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
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 Kevin North, At-Large
Dr. Rachel Jennings Tafarella, At-Large
John Vento, Ex-Officio
Shannon Hyman & Roshini, ASO Student Representative
Bianca Nichols, Honors TAP Student Representative

OPEN, Aerospace, Industrial Arts & Applied Technologies OPEN, Athletics & Kinesiology
OPEN, Math Sciences Engineering
OPEN, Social & Behavioral Sciences
OPEN, At-Large
OPEN, Adjunct Representative
Kristal Ibrahim, Guest
Christine Mugnolo, Guest/Honors Option Presenter

Items	Person	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	Towana & Darcy	2:36pm
II. Open Comments from the Public		Welcome Back and Happy New School Year! (Towana) 22 Faculty at the New Faculty Orientation, 5 were Adjunct (Dr. Wiewall)
III. Approval of Agenda Approval of Agenda – August 24, 2026	All	Carla motions approval of today's agenda. Greg seconds.
IV. Approval of Minutes Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2026	All	<u>Issues Discussed: Action Taken:</u> Greg motions approval of the last meeting's minutes. Carla seconds. <u>Follow Up Items:</u>
V. Informational Items - Committee Membership & Terms - CCN Honors Courses Fall 2026 - UCLA TAP Certifications HS/Dual/SOAR	All	Committee Membership & Terms Went through the membership and terms for each Committee member. Waiting on Academic Senate to approve Honors Committee's addition of seats 1 in LACA, 1 in LAAH, 1 in Counseling. At Large position and Adjunct Rep position was announced by Academic Senate

		President via email. Clarification was provided about the At Large position-this is Dr. Jennings's seat who does want to continue in this role. Our new student reps from ASO introduced themselves to the committee. CCN Honors Courses Fall 2026 Phase 2 Honors courses have been approved upon re-review and no longer have an end term per our Articulation Officer Dr. Eaton (ARTHC1100H, ARTHC1200H, ASTRC1001H, ECONC2001H, ECONC2002H, HISTC1001H, and HISTC1002H). Phase 1 Honors courses (COMM C1000H, ENGL C100H, ENGLC1001H, POLSC1001H, PSYCC100H, STATC1000H, SOCIC1000h) were already approved and do not have an end term at this time. Fall 2026 Honors courses are proceeding without any issues this semester-zero cancelations due to low enrollment (Darcy). UCLA Honors TAP & High School Students UCLA Admissions reported they will not recognize 1 year transfers for UCLA TAP Certification. 1 year transfers are when students graduated from high school with already completing college credits, then attend community college for just a year to finish transfer requirements to transfer to UCLA. The question brought to the committee is, do we not accept special admit/SOAR/dual enrolled high school students into Honors TAP since UCLA is not going to recognize their TAP certification for admission. A request to have this communicated to the high schools as a priority was addressed (Lobos). Another perspective was to allow these students to still join Honors TAP to remove any barriers as they may still get Honors TAP certification, though not UCLA TAP certification. Furthermore, the high school student may initially start as a 1 year transfer, but then things can happen that actually extends their time at AVC, which now makes the student potentially a 2+ traditional transfer (Kaitlin). A question was brought forth regarding what is UCLA identifying as a 1 year transfer? Does this refer to time at the CCC or units? (Pavinee). Clarification was given that UCLA must be referring to the time a student is at CCC versus reaching the required 60 transfer units (Kristal). Next meeting we will vote on this.
VI. Report	All	<u>Issues Discussed:</u> <u>Action Taken:</u> <u>Follow Up Items:</u>

VII. Action Item - Honors Faculty Approval - Razook, COMM C1000H - Honors Option Proposals - Mugnolo, Studio Arts and Art History - Committee Goals 2026-2027 - Fall Honors Mixer	<i>All</i>	<u>Actions Taken:</u> COMM C1000 H.O. Proposal Elinda moves, Kaitlinn seconds, all in favor, no opposition, no abstentions. ART 101, 102, 104 H.O. Proposal Carla motions, Elinda in favor, no opposition, no abstentions. Fall Honors Mixer To be held on October 28, 3-5pm at UH 223. Carla motions, Dietra seconds, All in favor, no oppose, no abstentions.
IX. Discussion - Honors Faculty Approval - Razook, COMM C1000H - Honors Option Proposals - Mugnolo, Studio Arts and Art History - Committee Goals 2026-2027 - Honors TAP Handbook Draft	<i>All</i>	<u>Issues Discussed:</u> COMM C1000 Honors Course Presentation Greg presented COMHC1000 on behalf of Razook Honors Option. Razook followed the Honors COR. Committee comments included "the proposal was very thorough". Honors Option Proposals for ART 101, 102, & 104 Mugnolo presented covering the submitted proposal. Explained the big project is either a piece of research or final paper that dives into how the student's field/declared major connects with art history. Committee feedback included "it looks great" and "sounds interesting". Honors Options Proposals for ART 110, 120, 121, 140, 113, & 216 Mugnolo presented. Feedback reflects "that's cool". Cultural connections. Carla motions, Elinda seconds, all in favor, no opposition. Committee Goals 2026-2027 Will update the committee goals with this current year. Goal 5: Chairs are waiting to meet with Zellet in regards to a dedicated Honors TAP student space in the new building. Roshini loves the idea of an Honors TAP space—what would it be used for? Depends on the space we are given. Potentially a study space and a place for Honors faculty may hold office hours. Goal 2: Is there a current H.O. list? Yes, its posted on the website under "Courses". Goal 11: Is there funding for HTCC Research Conference? Staff Development and Equity proposals may be places for funding. There are program grants through ASO for clubs and

	programs. After finalizing the Honors TAP Committee goals, having committee members take up a committee goal to help work on. Marketing Goal: For approval of flyers created by the program, when we use the AVC logo, then must go through the process for approval or creation of promo with Marketing. For promoting low enrollment classes, flyers can created by faculty as long as they follow ASO policy, and can be posted physically throughout campus. Honors Convocation promo should be marketed. In the past, Honors Convocation was not included in the marketing of graduation ceremonies as it was (per Marketing at that time) "exclusive to students who were recognized and their guests" and not the campus at large. There is a change in turnaround time and for the better response time under new Marketing staff/leadership. Promotion of low enrollment classes is receptive and supported by Marketing with the approval of VPAA (Vento). Committee Goals Feedback: (Carla) Can we make it shorter, and hone into goals that are a priority? Table voting on goals today and amend to make it shorter. This will be emailed to committee members to vote at the next meeting. 9/11 Honors TAP Best Practices FPD 9 to 11am, UH 201 If people want to do H.O., they can attend this and they can continue to offer H.O. Are there's areas that we need more H.O.? (Roshini)—Answer: STEM courses. We no longer have BUS 201 H and CHEM110 H, as faculty communicated to Dr. Wiewall they no longer will offer it. These may still be open for H.O. Faculty have said that the students are not "honors ready" which led to their decision for removal. If it's an Honors Course, then we need to follow the honors COR and it takes 2 years through the approval status. Honors Options can go through approval after presentation to and approved by committee. Dr. Wiewall will reach out to all honors faculty to see if anyone wants to present their honors work at the FPD. SCLA Update SCLA is a nationally accredited honors organization that provides services that include career advising, letters of recommendation,
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		scholarships, and other services. These services are also available at AVC for free. Through an AVC faculty rep, SLCA emailed and mailed invitations to students at AVC with a 3.0+ GPA and completed 12+ units. For students to sign up for the SLCA information session, the email invitation link automatically directs the user to pay the membership fee in order to attend information session. VPAA and former Academic Senate President reported that SCLA and AVC faculty member did not have approval to use AVC logo for SCLA outreach nor was there an official MOU/agreement with the organization and the college. VPAA directed AVC faculty and SCLA to cease use of AVC logo and promoting to AVC students. Moving forward, if SCLA wants to promote AVC students, they must go through our Honors TAP Committee. Committee shared concerns of "conflict of practice, policy, interest, and ethics". Shannon said her friend did sign up, and reports that she likes the SLCA resources/services that she's had access to since paying the \$90 membership. Committee reported mixed concerns and some openness of working with SCLA, but only if proper processes are honored with the college. They want students to have the freedom to choose and use their discretion if they want to join SLCA while ensuring clear communication of their services and what AVC offers. For now, the committee will wait to see if AVC faculty rep for SCLA will reach out. Honors Canvas and Handbook Canvas for honors faculty only meanwhile handbook is for faculty and students. Chairs will send the drafts to the Committee to review and provide feedback to vote on launching in the next committee meeting. Fall Honors Mixer Same location, UH 223 After midterms, before Spring registration-Halloween. Decided on having this event on Oct 28, Wednesday 3-5pm; Alpha Iota Was inactive last year 2025-2026. Alpha Gamma Sigma was seated by Dr. Jaffe and Dr. Jaffe led as faculty advisor to Alpha Iota for many years. He expressed the duties this position requires and supports for a new advisor who is "lively and energetic" as it Alpha Iota does more activities off campus and night activities as it is the local
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		chapter of the statewide honors society- Alpha Gamma Sigma. FPD Credit Darlene in Academic Senate requests for committee members to provide details regarding their presenter role at Honors Convocation and to claim the appropriate hours (planning, co presenting, organizing students backstage, etc) <u>Action Taken:</u> <u>Follow Up Items:</u> Honors Committee Goals to be revisited and to make it shorter. Will be sent out to the committee for review and vote on in the next meeting. Alpha Iota & Honors Options Chairs asked the committee to make an announcement to their divisions that we are seeking a faculty advisor for Alpha Iota <u>and</u> to remind faculty who teach an H.O. to present their H.O. to the committee at any of our committee meetings this academic year. This is to keep their H.O. active.
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• Canvas Launch for Honors TAP Faculty • Darlene's email- Honors Convocation- claiming FPD credit • Alpha Iota • SCLA update • Honors TAP Best Practices FPD 9/11 • Fall Honors Mixer		
• Adjournment		3:59pm
• NEXT MEETING DATE: September 28, 2026		