



# Honors TAP Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 28, 2026 Mesquite Hall  
(MH) - 246  
2:30-4:00 PM

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Please Review/Bring: Agenda Packet & Minutes  
**Note Taker:** Towana Catley

*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**  
**John Vento, Ex-Officio**  
**Shannon Hyman, ASO Student Representative**  
**Bianca Nichols, Honors TAP Student Representative**

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OPEN, Athletics & Kinesiology  
OPEN, Math Sciences Engineering  
OPEN, Social & Behavioral Sciences  
OPEN, Adjunct Representative  
OPEN, At-Large

**Guest: Nathasha Hong, Counseling**  
**Guest:**

| Items                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Person         | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| I. Call to Order and Roll Call                                                                                                                                                                               | Towana & Darcy | 2:38pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| II. Open Comments from the Public                                                                                                                                                                            |                | Happy Week 7!!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| III. Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Agenda – September 28, 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                            | All            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| IV. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Minutes – August 24, 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                              | All            | <p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b></p> <p>Carla motions to approve today's meeting agenda- Greg seconds.<br/>Greg motions to approve minutes from Aug 24 meeting-today's schedule Greg motions, Carla seconds minutes, Carla motions, Elinda seconds minutes from last meeting _</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b></p>                                                                                                 |
| V. Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Membership &amp; Terms</li> <li>Honors TAP Best Practices FPD 9/11</li> <li>Fall Honors Mixer October 28, 3-5pm at UH 223</li> </ul> | All            | <p><b><u>Committee Membership Terms:</u></b></p> <p>Waiting for Academic Senate to give update on our proposal-was given additional step to present for approval at Oct Senate meeting for add in November; Dr. Jaffe was renewed, Alberto MG will be coming in place of D. Adams, waiting for Rachel JT for At Large as well (per Darcy)</p> <p><b><u>Honors TAP Best Practices FPD 9/11</u></b></p> <p>Shared turn out of faculty. Great questions were</p> |

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| VI. Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | All | <p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Action Taken: Follow</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Up Items:</u></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>VII. Action Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honors Option Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheewawisuttichai, CHEM 220</li> <li>Jennings-Tafarella, ENGL C1001, ENGL 225</li> <li>Martin, ENGL C1000, ENGL C1001, ENGL 114</li> <li>McLoughlin, MATH 150, 160, 250</li> <li>Schroer, CHEM 210</li> </ul> </li> <li>Committee Goals 2026-2027</li> <li>UCLA Honors TAP &amp; High School Students</li> </ul> | All | <p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b></p> <p><b>When is the HO contract due by faculty?</b></p> <p>Due when grades are due (complete or incomplete HO work). Honors co-chairs hope to meet with VPAA to see if she can ask IT to get HO system up and accessible off campus.</p> <p><b>UCLA Honors TAP Certification and 1 year Transfers</b></p> <p>Elinda motions to approve acceptance of one year transfer students with stipulations that they are informed about UCLA and other UCs that won't recognize Honors TAP Certification, Carla seconds, all in favor.</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b></p> <p><b>Eric Martin/ENGLC1000, 114, C1001 Honors Options</b></p> <p>Carla motions to approve HO's, Elinda seconds, all in favor</p> <p><b>Jennings-Tafarella ENGL C1001, ENGL 225 Honors Options</b></p> <p><b>Motion? Second?</b> Voted all in favor</p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b></p> |
| <p>IX. Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honors Option Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheewawisuttichai, CHEM 220</li> <li>Jennings-Tafarella, ENGL C1001, ENGL 225</li> <li>Martin, ENGL C1000, ENGL C1001, ENGL 114</li> <li>McLoughlin, MATH 150, 160, 250</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                     | All | <p><b><u>Issues Discussed:</u></b></p> <p><b>Eric Martin/ENGL C1000, 114, C1001 Honors Option Presentation:</b></p> <p>Same honors option for all 3 classes, Comments: Very thorough</p> <p><b>Jennings-Tafarella ENGL C1001, 225 Honors Options Presentation:</b></p> <p>ENGL 225&gt;</p> <p>Students need help with generating research questions, and when they have research questions, then they really get into the work and become research driven. Vento provides great feedback of very great creative teaching using Podcast, reading. Greg asks if student gets a chance to look into other philosophies from other parts of the world and not just western philosophies &gt; Answer yes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | <p>ENGL C1001 &gt;</p> <p>Will dabble into the items that is done in the ENGL C1001 Honors course—feedback sounds very exciting the content in the class</p> <p><b><u>Action Taken:</u></b></p> <p><b>ENGL C1000, 114,&amp; C1001 (Martin)</b></p> <p><b>Motion? Seconds? All in favor</b></p> <p><b>ENGLC1001 &amp;225 HO (Jennings-Tafarella)</b></p> <p>Vento motions to approve, Dietra seconds, all in favor</p> <p><b><u>Follow Up Items:</u></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schroer, CHEM 210</li> <li>• Committee Goals 2026-2027</li> <li>• Honors TAP Handbook Draft</li> <li>• UCLA Honors TAP &amp; High School Students</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Committee Goals</b></p> <p>Reviewed updated and drafted. Actual goals vs Maintenance items.</p> <p>HTCC Research Conference (spring) Really want to push for going and bringing students—even those who completed Honors Options. Money is leftover so there's possibly money to fund transportation and/or registration. Once we get those dates-promote and see what faculty are interested. Goal 4 and 5, merge together.</p> <p>Many faculty have not responded to the notifications that's been sent about HO proposals~~there could still be faculty still offering HO though they have not resubmitted proposals. Concern of having student still get credit even if this happens, Co Chair confirmed credit will still be given to student, but faculty will be reached out to about proposal otherwise removed from HO list. , motion to approve goals with adjustments Vento, Greg seconds, all in favor.</p> <p><b>Honors TAP Canvas</b></p> <p>Committee reviewed, made sure all committee members have access and please to review to hopefully have approve at next Oct meeting and launch by end of term for SAA nominations easier process.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjournment</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                       |  | 3:46                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b> October 26, 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |