



Honors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017

1:00pm-2:30pm

Building 9, room 307

Members in attendance: Gloria Darafshi, Jessica Kaven, Sarah Harmon, Janet Stringer, Denise Erickson, Lezlee Ware, Soraya Sohrabi, Lale Yurtseven, Paul Roscelli

Members Absent: Gregory Anderson, Alicia Aguirre, Lisa Palmer, Michael Stanford, Esteban Samra

Guests: None.

1. Approval of Agenda – unanimously approved.
2. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2016 – unanimously approved.
3. Business
 - A. Honors Project Ideas. Professor Meckler discussed [Wiki Education Foundation](#). Via their webpage, the foundation “connect higher education to the publishing power of Wikipedia. Bridging Wikipedia and academia creates opportunities for any learner to contribute to, and access, open knowledge.” The foundation works with libraries and academic associations to improve Wiki coverage of their field. Professor Meckler stated that the foundation is working with 306 campuses this term (he will send the committee the email that he is referencing). Additionally, that they train students to contribute to Wiki and feels it a good fit for critical thinking and could be a good honors contract option.
 - B. HTP Update. Professor Kaven shared that the program participated in program review this year (submitted it in February). She will share the feedback with IPC once it’s available. Professor Kaven also updated the committee on the current status of the honors contracts. Proposal submissions were going well and the site will be open until the 9th week of the semester. Professor Erickson mentioned that she had a student submit an honors contract proposal without her approval although one of the questions on the proposal states that permission from the student and the advising faculty member is required. Professor Kaven reminded the group that she does send a confirmation email to each student who submits a proposal along

with the advising faculty member. In the email, it states that if the is sent in error, which includes not receiving approval from both parties, to please let the coordinator know. Professor Kaven stated that if the committee would like to revisit the honors contract process we can certainly do that in the future. Professors Darafshi and Kaven updated the committee on UCI agreement and that Cañada students now qualify for enhanced transfer and scholarship opportunities (this was formerly only available to students attending a community college in Southern California, region 8 area).

- C. UCLA TAP Certification. Record number students are applying for the TAP certification. All applications are due by March 3rd.
 - D. Business Honors Courses. Professor Darafshi discussed transfer issues and honors completion confusion surrounding students who have taken both BUS 100 and BUS 125. Students can only get UC credit for one of the courses. There was an emphasis on Business faculty's communication regarding this issue. Solutions such as stating this on all promotional flyers, syllabi, etc. within the department is necessary.
 - E. Honors Faculty Compensation. Professor Ware discussed the need for additional compensation for faculty who teach dual-CRN or standalone honors courses. She shared that if faculty are paid 10 hours or less it does not affect faculty load. Additional payment could come in the form of a special payment rate, instructional or noninstructional. A stipend would be even better (~\$300 per semester). More follow-up needed.
 - F. Bay Honors Consortium's Research Symposium & Cañada College's Honors Research Showcase. Pertaining to the symposium, Cañada has two students presenting this year. Specific to Cañada's showcase, this year we will continue to open the proposal process to the entire campus opposed to just being limited to students who submitted proposals to the symposium. Because space will be limited, a small group agreed to review proposals, if needed. (Janet, Gloria, Paul). If a review group is needed, a rubric will also need to be developed.
 - G. Reminder:
 - i. Cañada College's Honors Research Showcase: Proposals due on 3/30. Showcase on 4/27 in room 2-10.
 - ii. Bay Honors Research Symposium: May 6th at Stanford University.
4. Adjournment at 3:59pm.