

Minutes from Honors Committee Meeting on 2/23/26

Attendees:

1. Darcy Wiewall
2. David Adams
3. Elinda Parkinson
4. Pavinee Villaapando
5. Matthew Jaffe
6. Jedidiah Lobos
7. Kaitlin Bessinger
8. Jacqueline Seekamp
9. Dietra Jackson
10. Carla Carona
11. Greg Langner
12. John Vento
13. Rachel Jennings Tafarella

Call to Order

2:37

Opening Comments None

Approval of Agenda—

Motion by Elinda,

2nd by Carla

Approved

Approval of Minutes

Approval of 11/24/2026 Minutes tabled.

Current TAP Certifications

Darcy mentioned that currently there are 27 UCLA and 14 UCI certifications.

Conferences to Present Student Research

Darcy mentioned two different upcoming conferences to possibly register that provides a forum for students to present undergraduate research and to contact Darcy if interested in attending:

1. Honors Transfer Council of California, University of California, Riverside—March 28th
2. Western Regional Honors Council Las Vegas—April 9th-11th

Honors Option Contracts/Workshop Dates

Darcy stated that an email was sent on 2/12/26 to all current faculty who offer honors options to submit revised/new proposals. Darcy noted that we need to have some workshops to assist Honors Faculty in revising their Honors Contracts. It would be helpful if Committee members would assist by participating in workshops. A list of days/times was requested. It was determined that the next workshop could be held next Monday (3/2/26).

Honors Convocation-- Memo

Please encourage your divisions/departments to nominate qualified students ASAP.

There is no need to review the Graduation List to nominate for Subject Area Awards.

Honors Mixer

Discussed best date for the upcoming Honors Student Mixer. Wednesday, April 29th, Anthropology Lab UH 223 4-6pm with “headgear” as the theme was suggested.

Motion by John Vento

2nd by Elinda

Approved

Honors Handbook

At some point, the Honors Handbook needs to be updated. We can utilize Handbooks from other California Community Colleges as a reference.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion by Elinda,

2nd by Greg

Approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:59.