



Honors TAP Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 23, 2026
Anthropology Lab, Uhazy Hall 223
2:30-4:00 PM

Type of Meeting: Regular
Note Taker: Towana Catley

Please Review/Bring: Agenda Packet & Minutes

Committee members: (bold names reflects 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
 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
Bianca Nichols, Honors TAP Student Representative

OPEN, ASO Student Representative
 OPEN, Athletics & Kinesiology
 OPEN, Aerospace, Industrial Arts & Applied Technologies

Lyudmila Michael, Proxy for Pavinee, Math Science, Engr
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Dr. Mark McGovern, Guest presenter for Physics and Astronomy Honors/Honors Option Proposal

Items	Person	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	Towana & Darcy	2:35pm
II. Open Comments from the Public		n/a
III. Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Agenda – March 23, 2026 	All	Dean Lobos moves for agenda approval, Elinda seconds, all in favor
IV. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2025 and February 23, 2026 	All	<p>Issues Discussed: November 24, 2025 Minutes correction of name. February Minutes updates to Honors Mixer information.</p> <p>Action Taken: Update to November minutes approved by John, Dean Lobos seconds, all in favor. Update to February minutes approved by Rachel motions, Dean Lobos seconds, all in favor.</p> <p>Follow Up Items:</p>
V. Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship ~ 2 AVC students are semi-finalists SAA Updates Current Honors Student Numbers 	All	<p>JKC Scholarship Semifinalists: Reported the names of 2 Honors TAP students who are semifinalists to this prestigious scholarship. The selections will be announced in April. Discussed last year's recipient from AVC Kaylie Brehm.</p> <p>SAA Updates:</p>

		<p>Reported the error made by a division where the grad list was sent to all faculty in the division. Discussed the Memo and the detailed instructions. Co-Chairs will meet with Interim Dean of A&R for future list access and potentially using Canvas as a means to mitigate the list and uphold FERPA. Also discussed removing the step in Memo where Dean of Division needs to sign off on nomination (since the Grad List and canvas will be used for future SAA). "Advisor" menu option in myAVC dashboard has been removed in a recent update. Discussion in having that access again or at least have it for the Honors TAP Committee members so they can potentially assist with verification of SAA. Another idea is asking Honors Counselors to do this verification as they already have the "Advisor" access. Co-Chairs reported their plans to meet with Interim Dean of A&R for argos access and use Canvas for future SAA process.</p> <p><u>Current Honors Numbers/Data:</u> 29 UCLA TAP Certified 14 UCI TAP Certified 40 Honors TAP Scholars</p> <p>These reflect the final numbers of this graduating/Fall 2025 transfer class. UCI has changed their guaranteed admissions to priority consideration and have made the 3.7 GPA by fall before transfer a hard criteria.</p>
VI. Report	<i>All</i>	<p><u>Issues Discussed:</u> <u>Action Taken:</u> <u>Follow Up Items:</u></p>
VII. Action Item <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Option Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASTR C1001, PHYS 110, 120 & 211 • NF100 • ECON 101 & 102 • SOC 101 • Honors Option Workshops Dates 	<i>All</i>	<p><u>Issues Discussed:</u> <u>Action Taken:</u> ASTROC1001, PHYS110, 120 & 211 H.O. Proposal: Elinda motions, Lobos seconds, all vote in favor. Honors Options approved.</p> <p>NF100 H.O.: Elinda motions, Lobos seconds, all vote in favor. Honors Option approved.</p> <p>ECON101 & 102 H.O. Proposal: John motions to approve with as long as with the recommended changes and to please email the updated proposal, Elinda seconds, all in favor. Honors Options approved pending completion of updates.</p> <p>SOC101 H.O. Proposal: Elinda motions, Dietra seconds, all in favor.</p> <p><u>Follow Up Items:</u></p>

<p>IX. Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Option Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASTR C1001, PHYS 110, 120 & 211 • NF100 • ECON 101 & 102 • SOC 101 	<p><i>All</i></p>	<p><u>Issues Discussed:</u> <u>ASTR C1001, PHYS110, 120, & 211 H.O.</u> <u>Proposal</u> By Dr. McGovern</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) ASTR C1001 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 5-8 pages and classroom presentation 2) PHYS110, PHYS 120, PHYS 211 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the same work but just different concepts/topics specific to that course <p>Comments: Darcy compliments Mark and thankful that he kept to the proposal template schedule of dates. Question came up if he will teach online—hasn't done it but doesn't feel it would be different as the class if. Sounds very interesting.</p> <p>Elinda motions, Lobos seconds, all vote in favor.</p> <p><u>NF100</u> By Ann Volk Comments: Does the HO start in Week 4? Darcy communicates that she can start earlier than week 4 as oppose to waiting for the HO contract deadline. Many students are not in honors yet was her thinking.</p> <p>Elinda motions, Lobos seconds, all vote in favor.</p> <p><u>ECON101 & 102</u> By Ibrahim Ganley Question by instructor: Honors courses as observed from other honors classes and traditional classes do not have difference.</p> <p>Comments: Honors courses and options are different hence the requirements are illustrated in the Honors Option Template. For question 3 in template for ECON 101 and 102, please detail the specific meeting date. Ganley spoke about how many economics students in CCC are not prepared for the UC so he seeks to be sure his students in honors option are prepared.</p> <p>John motions to approve with as long as with the recommended changes and to please email the updated proposal, Elinda seconds, all in favor.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize Honors Mixer Apr 29 Planning Honors Option Workshops Dates Honors TAP Faculty & Student Handbook Student Success Conference April 7, 8, 9 		<p>Honors Mixer: Honors Mixer will be April 29th at 4-6 UH223</p> <p>Honors Option Workshop Dates: New dates will be emailed to all honors. There will be no recording available but live online workshops through zoom with Dr. Wiewall.</p> <p>SSC: Student Success Conference during spring break will have an honors table at the resource fair. We have 3 honors student ambassadors to manage the table. Outreach seeks student volunteers which Co-Chairs already made an announcement for.</p> <p>Honors TAP Handbook: Draft was sent out to committee members via email. Request was for committee to review and bring back feedback for next meeting. A request was made to add the "Best Practices" for Faculty to be added in the handbook.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjournment 		3:52pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEXT MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAA Revisions: Greg motions to approve. Matthew seconds. All in Favor. <p>Follow Up Items: None</p>
VIII. Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Option Contract System Revisions • SAA Revisions 	<i>All</i>	<p>Issues Discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Option Revisions: Reviewed the recommended changes to HO contract system guidelines from the October meeting. Added wording to stress the expectations of the amount of time to meet with students over the course of the semester. • SAA Revisions: Discussed eliminating the 1 minute speech requirement; deadline to submit; nomination deadline. Email all faculty in January. <p>Action Taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HO Revisions: Added wording “It is expected that faculty meet with the student(s) for at least 2 hours over the course of the semester for a minimum of 30 minutes each time.” • SAA Revisions: Cut out the 1 minute speech requirement; finalized 3-27-2026 deadline. <p>Follow Up Items: None</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 		4:48pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEXT MEETING DATE: February 23, 2026 		