



Honors TAP Committee Agenda

Monday, May 18, 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: (names in bold 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
David L. Adams, Social & Behavioral Sciences
Kevin North, At-Large
Dr. Rachel Jennings Tafarella, At-Large
Hannah Valencia, Adjunct Representative
John Vento, Ex-Officio
Bianca Nichols, Honors TAP Student Representative
OPEN, ASO Student Representative
OPEN, Athletics & Kinesiology
OPEN, Aerospace, Industrial Arts & Applied Technologies

Heidi Williams, Language & Communication Arts, Guest to present ENGL 257 Honors Option Proposal

Items	Person	Action
I. Call to Order and Roll Call	Towana & Darcy	2:44pm
II. Open Comments from the Public		
III. Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Agenda – May 18, 2026 	All	Carla motions, Greg seconds, all in favor to approve today's agenda.
IV. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2026 	All	<u>Issues Discussed:</u> <u>Action Taken:</u> Carla motions, Kevin seconds, All in favor with abstentions by Rachel and Jaqueline. <u>Follow Up Items:</u>
V. Informational Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCN Honors Courses Fall 2026 Honors Options Revisions & Workshop Status Committee Membership 2026-2027 	All	<u>CCN Honors Courses Fall 2026</u> Articulation Officer reports these courses have been moved to Fall 2027 for approvals. VPAA and AO are working with faculty to give more details in their proposals. AP&P approved the courses except for English which has been put on hold by Heidi Williams, Chair of LACA for CCN Honors courses. <u>H.O. Revisions & Workshop Status</u> Darcy will continue to reach out to faculty (about 90) who still need to submit their H.O. proposal revisions. Carla suggested that the Committee members report to their divisions and refer to the H.O. list of faculty and classes to help with the communication and requirements of these H.O.

		<p>revisions. If faculty want to offer H.O. in the fall, they should submit and present to committee in the Spring; and if faculty want to offer H.O. in the spring, they must submit their proposal and present to Honors TAP committee in the upcoming fall term.</p> <p><u>Committee Membership Term 26-27</u></p> <p>Darcy and Towana announced that they will finish their final year of their term in 2026-2027 and end their co-chair roles at this time. They are currently working on potential new chairs to take their roles. Co-Chairs to reach out to Hannah regarding adjunct faculty pay for shared governance according to CBA to make sure she is aware of this opportunity.</p>
<p>VI. Report</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>	<p><u>Issues Discussed:</u></p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Greg motions to add to today's agenda the adding of new committee membership, Carla seconds, and all present are in favor.</p> <p>Greg motions to add 1 more faculty member from LACA, Carla seconds, all in favor.</p> <p>Towana motions to add 1 more faculty member from Counseling, Carla seconds, all in favor.</p> <p>Carla motions to add 1 more faculty member to as Adjunct Representative, Dietra seconds, all in favor.</p> <p>Pending confirmation from Vento that he is in fact dual role as ex-officio and faculty rep for SBS, Carla motions to add 1 more faculty member from SBS, Greg seconds, all in favor.</p> <p><u>Follow Up Items:</u></p>
<p>VII. Action Item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Option Proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMM C1000 • PHYS 101, 102, 110, 120, 211 • ENGL 257 	<p><i>All</i></p>	<p><u>Issues Discussed:</u></p> <p><u>COMM C1000 H.O. Proposal</u></p> <p>Greg presented on behalf of colleague, Harish. Comments were positive which includes the assignment was "project based learning, very solid proposal", "the assignments are harder to A.I."</p> <p><u>PHYS101, 102, 110, 120, 211 H.O. Proposal</u></p> <p>There were some missing/blank areas in the proposal. Committee requests to complete the missing areas and re-submit. Missing areas included Question #3, Course Title and Number, and clarification on the "performance option" which was checked off by instructor.</p>

		<p><u>ENGL 257 H.O. Proposal</u></p> <p>Heidi presented and went through her proposal. Greg expressed how “punctuated and clear” the outline is. Rachel says it’s “detail oriented and project is personal to each student”. Darcy asks how long is the presentation assignment, which Heidi answers it is 7-10 minutes. Rachel asks if there is a collaboration assignment. Darcy reminds the committee that collaboration requirements is for Honors Courses, not Honors Options. Heidi welcomed this idea and will think about how to include this in the honors option for the future.</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p>Carla motions to approve COMM C1000 H.O. proposal, Kevin seconds, all in favor.</p> <p>Greg motions to approve ENGL 257 H.O., Carla 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"> • COMM C1000 • PHYS 101, 102, 110, 120, 211 • ENGL 257 • Honors Convocation Debrief • Committee Goals 2026-2027 	<p><i>All</i></p>	<p><u>Issues Discussed:</u></p> <p>Greg asks when can a communications colleague present their H.O. proposal. Darcy responds with August 24 honors committee meeting as that is a day we are expecting several proposals.</p> <p><u>Honors Convocation Debrief</u></p> <p>Moving forward, we will use a “mock or prop” certificate for Honors TAP. Students may pick up their actual certificate and tassel at the end of convocation. Co-Chairs will look into an Honors cord rather than a tassel. For the light reception, to either have cookies, pastries, water, tea, coffee and give priority to getting these donated. Continue with the balloon arch outside in the lobby with photo op props.</p> <p><u>Committee Goals</u></p> <p>Went through each committee goal and discussed our status. One goal that was a big discussion point is marketing and promotion of Honors TAP. With ongoing changes of Marketing department, how can we recruit and promote awareness of Honors TAP. Kaitlyn suggested using Honors Ambassadors to create a tik tok and other social media platforms to showcase Honors Option projects. Co-Chairs will look into recruiting additional Honors Ambassadors to manage the social media and bring this idea to them.</p> <p><u>Action Taken:</u></p> <p><u>Follow Up Items:</u></p>

• Adjournment		4:05pm
• NEXT MEETING DATE: August 24, 2026		