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- I. **Call to Order, Welcome and Introduction:** The meeting was called to order at 11:11 by new leader Carolyn Kuykendall, who thanked UC Irvine for their generous contribution of the alumni center for our meeting.
- II. **Minutes:** The minutes of the October 10 meeting were approved as corrected.
- III. **Reports:**
 - a. **Transfer Report:** Stacy St. Clair has negotiated a final agreement with San Diego State and will approve the same agreement with other schools. A 3.5 GPA is required to take advantage of the agreement. The program gets 1500 applications and accepts 150. Formerly, Honors program students would get priority application status (after athletes). This status would now be considered case by case. Chuck has been working on an agreement with Columbia which would require a 3.6 GPA for acceptance. He will continue working on this agreement, though he is no longer director. Kathleen is working on UC Riverside and will have more information at our next meeting.

Dottie asked about the status of our agreement with Fullerton Honors Business, and Carolyn said she is still working on it. The current agreement guarantees entry into Honors Business with graduation from an HTCC school. Carolyn informed us that Vassar is enthusiastic about transfer students and got approval to go forward in looking for an agreement with Vassar.
 - b. **President's Report:** Brian will make arrangements for the Citrus College meeting. He updated the organization on the UCLA TAP meeting with the Northern California representatives. He passed out minutes and indicated that Jennifer Saito from the Bay Area Consortium has brought information on the Stanford conference.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** The account balance is \$17,900. We will be turning that around after the funds go out for scholarships at the conference. The Director's scholarship will be \$1,000 and the scholarships for the abstracts \$500. February 1 is the deadline for scholarships. Most elements of the conference are on the HTCC website—except PDF's, said Brian. We will

send out the roster on PDF, which cannot be changed. The website is mostly in order, as far as the conference is concerned.

We discussed Mt. San Jacinto's one college/two programs situation and how that should be dealt with for the organization. The school's faculty is pushing the administration to formally split the two campuses, but whether that takes place tomorrow, in five years or in twenty is anybody's guess. There was a motion that they be accepted as one campus until that process is formalized. It was seconded and passed.

Los Angeles Trade Tech will be re-activated. Compton College has paid its dues separately from El Camino. Joe supported this move on their part, saying the philosophy of Honors should be homegrown.

Brian discussed the need to update the PDF files on our website and said he would get to that once he was past the "crush of essays" this semester. He reminded all directors to go to the website and make sure the information thereon was up to date. He pointed out an example in which Dottie pointed out a problem on the site that allowed for a quick fix that would not have happened without her feedback. He said Joe and Erik will have the program information by Christmas and he will soon set up a grid with HTCC agreements.

Lunch—12:00

- d. **Issues Forum:** We are going to get back at least four students from last year, and we are contacting Barbara Anderson about them.

- a. **Building Bridges:** Susanne Spangler from East LA College has a student who is working on a presentation mentored by a professor from Cal Tech. This opened up the question of where the conference stands on the question of HTCC scholarships to students who have already transferred. We agreed that it was appropriate, indeed laudable, that the student was working with a four-year instructor while still at community college and that presenting that work at a community college conference constituted no conflict of interest. However, it brought back a past situation in which a student received a scholarship at the conference while already enrolled at UC Irvine. The student was told that she would win the award but not the money.

The crux of the debate is whether the scholarship money is primarily intended to help students *before* they transfer or at any time during their education. Alison said, "HTCC money should be helping HTCC students." She suggested we need to consider UC Irvine, our host, who wants to emphasize transferring rather than students who have already transferred. UCI's \$500 grant only covers those who are coming to UCI. Dottie suggested the Scholarship committee should write formal language specifying that any HTCC student is eligible for the conference, no matter who is listed as mentor, as long as the research was done at a community college. Both award and scholarship would be considered valid. This idea was approved and will be sent forward to the Scholarship committee.

Joe suggested that the best way to work out publicity is through a presidential email every two weeks with deadlines. The January emails would remind directors to ensure funding around the campus and remind students of scholarship deadlines.

IV. New Business: We want to communicate more with transfer centers. We need them to send us brochures and flyers on transferring to universities and update them on our organization's agreements and capabilities. Alison brought up the possibility of a general HTCC brochure to hand out to transfer centers. Brian suggested that such a brochure needed to be part of a packet aimed primarily at counselors rather than students. Joe added that it may be time to "resurrect" two organization-wide brochures: one for students and one for counselors. Dottie mentioned that something along the line of UCLA's "Best Practices" brochure could be posted on our website—"protected from the public but easily found among ourselves." Joe wanted an alphabetical listserv of schools and directors.

Southwestern College in Chula Vista has applied to the HTCC but received no word about acceptance. Issues to consider in acceptance into the organization were Southwestern's lack of release time for director(s) and no evidence of support staff. They also require a lower GPA. Tim Juntilla reminded us that most TAG agreements do not go over a 3.00 GPA. Joe concurred, saying that only UCLA and Berkeley consider the 3.0 a problem. If a student has a 3.1 and cannot tomahawk dunk, he is *not* getting into UCLA. Susan Starr suggested we should go to the UCLA website that breaks down transfer admissions by major, GPA and number of admissions. The consensus was that Carol should write a letter to Southwestern accepting them into HTCC with a no time frame request that they comply with the "best practices" requirements, particularly in release for director(s).

V. For the Good of the Order: Dottie told us about the December 11 Leadership Forum at CSULB, at which she and Rebecca Green will be presenting for the HTCC. The program, Pathways to Success, will emphasize the strength of small classes and high transfer rates. "We want to be able to say to these people: 'Here is a good chance for you.'" Hearing an earlier presentation by Dottie, CSULB has realized how important Honors programs can be both for universities and community colleges. They know they are "losing a trick" on UCI and UCLA in not courting Honors students.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:07.