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Honors Transfer Council of California Minutes

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Mt. San Antonio College

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I. **Call to Order:** Carolyn called the meeting to order at 11:15 with an acknowledgment of her new position moving from faculty in Saddleback to Honors administrator at Mt. SAC.

II. Karolyn welcomed the group to Mt. San Antonio College, and formally welcomed Southwestern College and its representative Veronica Burton to the HTCC.

III. **Minutes:** The December 5 minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. **Reports:**

- a. **Transfer Report:** Alison said that we are making gradual progress in the “continuing saga” with **San Diego State**. We are accumulating necessary signatures, and any agreement we obtain will still have to work on their time frame. Carolyn and Dottie have contacted **Fullerton Business College**. When it comes to our previous agreement with them, “No is the essence.” They haven’t been getting sufficient numbers of students from us to continue the agreement. They are planning to start with freshmen and look to incorporate the HTCC in a couple years; we aren’t sure theirs is a viable program for us at this time. Susan Jacobsen at **Cal State Fullerton** is requiring a 3.5 GPA. She needs assurances that any students we send her can quickly be up to that standard. Their agreement is Honors program to Honors program. **Mills College** is enthusiastic about our agreement. We should look for an email from Alison about the \$14,000 scholarship. **Cal Poly Pomona** likes their agreement with us but has the problem of a large

number of our students using them to get to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, which establishes acceptance on a point system. The group's consensus is that we should go for either priority review or points. We hope to have firmer news at the March meeting and a thumbnail sketch by the May meeting.

- b. **President's Report:** Brian suggested we look more deeply into whether the Chancellor's transfer task force is a) something we are allowed to be involved in and b) a beneficial opportunity for us. We want to find out why we haven't increased our overall transfer rate. We discussed a *New York Times* article claiming that only 40% of community college students transfer. We agreed that, while this is a disputed figure, community colleges' rates of transfer are too low. Alison suggested we should go for further representation in Academic Senate or the task force, sending them a letter "letting them know we're here."
- c. **Treasurer's Report:** We have \$19,000 in our account before giving out scholarships. Brian read the list of shame of directors who have yet to register for the conference and said, "Most are in this room."
- d. **Conference Update:** For the conference program, Eric and Joe have a list of students who are registered. They are making sure it is in good shape. We've had six cancellations but only one student who is not reconciled with registration. Directors are to stress how important it is for their presenters to commit firmly to attending the conference, because if they don't there are always plenty of eager students who could take their places. We received a greeting from Dr. Stephen Runnebohm, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, who was enthusiastic about having us on his campus and Carolyn starting her job at Mt. SAC.

Adjournment—12:15

John Oakes continued the conference update, reminding directors to nominate up to two students for the \$400 scholarship. All scholarship competition abstracts need to come directly to John by February 11 at the latest. Students should consult John or the website about any questions. To be eligible for the HTCC Excellence award, students need to be transferring in the fall of the next academic year. Brian asked if we have the capability to go on the HTCC website and determine who is a volunteer. We will work on that for the future. Joe postulated a guiding principle on conference volunteers: Assume a 25% no-show rate, especially since they cannot list it on their resumes.

- e. **Stanford Conference:** Carolyn thanked those who have already submitted proposals for the conference. Next year it will be held at Berkeley. Alison said that Berkeley will use participation in an Honors program as one out of

four main criteria in considering students' applications. This year's NCHC will be held in Washington, D.C. Proposals are due in late February. Ricky Shine will be forming a two-year colleges progress panel. Joe and Alison are forming a panel on increasing program size. They asked for suggestions and for directors who are going to NCHC to prepare 20-30 minute presentations on their programs to set up a give-and-take. We are trying to develop a "two year strand" at NCHC to increase community college visibility.

- f. **TAP:** Betty Glick from UCLA wants a clarification of HTCC policy on unit requirement for completion of our programs. Do we require 15 units minimum *or* five classes, or do we require 15 units *and* classes? She wants to work with us to solidify our policies. Our colleges have a mixture of policies, but Dottie said the consensus is that Honors classes should be 25% of the student's load. TAP wants to maintain the current 15 unit arrangement. Alannah said it would be a penalty to science classes that "aren't transferable but *are* fascinating." Alison suggested that the more we, as an organization, insist on uniform exact units the more trouble we will have. We are running the risk of operating within two divergent sets of expectations: UCLA's and Fullerton's. The consensus we reached is that HTCC should hold with current national practice in requiring that Honors courses be 25% of transferable units.

V. New Business and For the Good of the Order: Tabled for next meeting.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:10.