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I. Call to Order: Brian called the meeting to order at 11:07. Assistant Chancellor Sylvia Thomas welcomed us to Riverside.

II. Minutes: The minutes of the February 5 meeting were approved as amended.

III. Reports:

- a. President's Report:** Brian commended the conference planning committee, starting with Kathleen. The atmosphere after the Irvine conference had students “buzzing and chirping” the whole ride home. We have set up an apparatus to have an equally exciting conference next year and the year after that.
- b. Treasurer's Report:** We have over \$12,000, with only \$3600 outstanding. We will have the total at the May meeting. We are getting requests for refunds, despite the fact that the website clearly states there are none. Jeanne said we have to do something to avoid the double-booking problems at this year's conference. We need to list students by name; the schools that have not paid are those without itemized conference attendance lists—that list, for example, “25 students at \$25.” Denise suggested we set up a regular committee to regulate this before the conference.
- c. Transfer Report:** Most attention has been toward the conference, but Carolyn has talked to the transfer coordinator at **UCLA**. They have raised the standard GPA from 3.3 to 3.4. Most transfers there will have strings attached. **Cal Poly Pomona** is not giving any local student guarantees, and a colleague at Cuesta says the situation is the same at **San Luis Obispo**. This tightening represents a general pattern of universities requiring higher GPA's for transfer. We are still in discussions with **Columbia**. It will be mid-April before we can re-visit the issue. Kathleen suggested we should take a deeper look at private schools. **Pepperdine** is friendly, but we are still moving only slowly. **ASU Barrett** is offering nine scholarships of \$19,000

for out of state transfer students. They are not targeting honors students or giving our students any special breaks, but they are definitely interested in what HTCC can offer. Denise said we're making solid progress setting up **Fullbright** scholarships. **Wayne State** in Detroit is offering \$9,000 scholarships.

- d. **New Member Committee:** We are institutionalizing a mentorship for new honors programs, beginning with Crafton Hills. They are being mentored by Riverside.
- e. **Conference Report:** Kathleen needs feedback on what worked and did not work in the Irvine conference, so we can hit the ground running for next year. Carmen said the conference set up Chaffey students to go to Western Regionals. We need to start sending out information earlier and keep schools more in the loop. The "friends and family" registration worked well. We need to whittle down the multiple lists and consolidate. Alison suggested we have a summer planning meeting. There were some problems with online registration we will want to work the kinks out of before next year.

Adjourned for lunch—12:18

Reconvened—12:51

We need to make bullet points and brainstorm before next meeting. We decided to change the abstracts for next conference. We will eliminate the 100-word abstract proposal, changing it to 250-words, which students may then revise for *Building Bridges*. We decided to keep the waitlist, and we will revisit the Issues Forum, considering the possibilities of holding multiple forums or of holding the Forum only when a special topic comes up. We want to clarify that students must present at the conference to get scholarships. Carolyn said all the UCI representatives were thrilled by how the conference went.

IV. New Business: Nominations for board. Kathleen suggested making the terms two years. Advantages of longer terms include increased experience and connections outside our organization. Nominations were set: President, Kathleen Sell; Vice President, Erik Ozolins; Secretary, Tim Adell; Treasurer, Kay Ryals.

V. For the Good of the Order: Tabled. Meeting adjourned at 2:00.