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HONORS COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA MINUTES

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Golden West College

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Keleigh Lanphear, Citrus	Chuck Whitchurch, Golden West
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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:21 by Joe Holliday. Thanks were given to Chuck Whitchurch for hosting the meeting on short notice.
  
- II. **Welcome and Introduction:** Chuck Whitchurch welcomed everyone to Golden West College, and introductions were made.
  
- III. **Minutes:** The minutes from the March 21 meeting were approved as corrected.
  
- IV. **Reports**
  - a. **Treasurer's Report:** Dottie indicated recent contributions of \$2,000 from Jesse and Alison Primoza brought the balance to just under \$14,000. Dues notices for next year will soon be sent out. So far, no costs have been extracted for the *Building Bridges* journal of the Irvine convention. An additional \$500 was voted to supplement the \$1,500 from UCI. It was moved that past editor Chuck Whitchurch and current editor Tim Adell be paid \$500 for their efforts. Motion passed. Chuck moved that HTCC pay for lunch and tip for restaurant for the meeting's meal: \$140. Motion passed. Dottie related that we had withheld scholarship checks of students whose colleges had not yet paid dues. This led to immediate payment of said dues and delivery of said checks.

- b. Transfer Report.** Alison announced reconfiguring of transfer committee. Will send out new transfer agreements and solidify assignments for the committee. Alison is also talking more closely with Sammi and the Bay Area Consortium to arrange transfer opportunities with Berkeley. Some indication that Berkeley administrator Walter Robinson, higher ranking than our previous connection, Angela, is taking a more serious consideration of community college Honors programs for transfers—particularly in regard to HTCC. Robinson suggests that CC students applying to Berkeley *should* mention their Honors credits, like saying “eagle scout” in their essays.
- c. President’s report.** Joe has streamlined the president’s job, establishing timelines for tasks to allow a teamwork approach preparing for the Irvine conference. The goal is to make the president’s job no more hellish than any of the other executive officers’. Future presidents should be able to organize and delegate.
- d. Webmaster’s report.** Brian Waddington indicated problems with switching from the previous server. Some information, such as Mills College transfer tables and ASP forms, are still on the old server, which is expensive and not under our control; he and Dave will transfer all files to the new server, ensuring more efficient information flow in the future. Dotti asked if we should continue to list schools as active members of HTCC if they are behind in their dues. The consensus was to give them two years to get current on dues and then remove them from the active list. Tim Juntilla suggested we look into purchasing “Share Point” software. Alison moved that we give Brian “free rein” to redo the website in any way he sees fit. There was general relief and agreement. There was a request for more SLO information on the website and a suggestion that we post program reviews, possibly with college names left off. Tim Juntilla is going to the NCHC Assessments and Evaluation conference in July in Portland and will report.
- e. Bay Area Consortium.** Their conference is set for April in Stanford for every year in the foreseeable future. They hope to involve Berkeley as well, possibly as leverage for a transfer

agreement. The Southern California representatives offered scholarship money for this year's Stanford conference, which was graciously declined. This being the North's first conference, they had too much going on simply organizing the conference to think about scholarships. Dotti suggested making the offer earlier next year to give them a chance to organize awards and scholarships to build on last year's successful event. Northern California students who heard about SoCal's scholarships and awards were enthusiastic. The Consortium is considering offering \$10-20 for future conference attendees, based on a projected 30% no-show rate. Joe and Dotti extrapolated NorCal conference for points to help the SoCal event. Suggested we should "overbook" the conference and that we should make it clear to schools that registration fees are vital; they provide the funds for the scholarships. Joe suggested we should have the NorCal meeting in the fall rather than the spring so it will not complicate their research conference. It was agreed that we should post our minutes to the HTCC website quickly after every meeting to keep Northern colleagues apprised of what we're doing here.

- f. Irvine conference.** Juan Lara scholarship award winner sent a letter of thanks. There was a consensus that presenters needed a clearer description on the website of what they need to do to prepare for the conference. There needs to be one person communicating with poster presenters, and the suggestion was the vice president. Joe suggested that each school have one person do all the registration for the school to avoid confusion. Dotti moved that we give stipends for those preparing the conference programs. The motion passed.
- g. TAP concerns.** A suggestion to require at least two semesters of Honors credits to qualify for benefits of TAP. The reason for the new requirements is that some colleges are cheating the intentions of the system by sneaking their students into the program at the last minute, inflating their transfer statistics. The real problem is impacted programs. Tim Juntilla suggested making the two- semester a rule of thumb rather than a formal policy. Alison brought up Eva Mo's point that the HTCC, as the governing body, should make the rules. There was spirited

discussion but no consensus. We will certainly take this issue up in the fall, as TAP agreements are vital to the organization and there are only 1,000 slots available.

**V. For the Good of the Order**

It was agreed that we will work more systematically to organize and delegate responsibilities leading up to the Irvine conference

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30. And surplus sandwiches were consumed.