



Honors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2015

Members in attendance: Jessica Kaven, Sarah Harmon, Janet Stringer, Dave Meckler, Lisa Palmer, Soraya Sohrabi, Lezlee Ware, Gerald Morlidge, Paul Roscelli, Denise Erickson, and Lucy Perez

Members Absent: Bob Tricca, Gregory Anderson, Michael Stanford, Alicia Aguirre

Guests: Gloria Darafshi.

1. Discussed Cañada College Honors Showcase and that wonderful presentations that the students put on. Of the 200 students that applied to the Honors Reach Symposium at Stanford, two Cañada students were selected to present out of 88; One student placed in the were in the top 5.
 - a. Suggestions for future events:
 - i. Review student arguments and presentations prior to the showcase and prior to submission to the Honors Research Symposium at Stanford.
 - ii. Have other students attend Stanford Symposium who may eventually want to enter their work or for those who didn't get accepted the first time to see what they can do for following year
 - iii. Possibly develop poster board sessions to allow for showcase of student work and for students to receive feedback on work.
 - iv. BHC (deadline in February): Suggestion to get HTP students to apply
2. Discussed 1-unit courses transfer but they don't apply to GE.
3. If we want to advertise in the schedule, the deadline is asap (early March).
4. Enrollment agreement Fall 2015
 - a. Jessica reviewed previous meeting proposal by Gregory Anderson to leave courses open for honors and general students. The option would be to save sections with dual CRN's ex: 5 honors students and 12 non-honors
 - b. Also revisited the enrollment agreements for honor courses, to hold courses to later cutoffs so that they could fill.
5. Recruitment- We're trying to complete outreach for HTP and discussed different options

- a. Gloria mentioned that Cañada is going to start using multiple measure to assess where they are placing in English
 - b. Sending a letter to student with transfer goal and with their assessment scores completed a letter to notify them that they are eligible for HTP
 - c. Market to students who place in Math/English levels and explain how it can be used with transfer—
 - i. Suggestion: show how course is applicable to IGETC/CSU areas
 - d. Paul Roscelli suggested using the PTK database to contact eligible students
 - e. Suggestion to describe what “extra work” means for students and doing this in a handout format
 - i. Also creating one for professors to see what contract work is and what it entails from them.
6. GE thematic pathways were mentioned as a possibility for dual CRNs and contracts. Pathways are projected to start in Spring 2016.
7. Introduced HTP’s new Honors Transfer Counselor Gloria Darafshi who has been with Cañada serving in several capacities and is excited to come on board to help with HTP.
8. 2014-2015 HTP Summary
- a. We reviewed all the changes in curriculum and the number of course offerings, for the Fall 2015 we have 20 courses being offered.
 - i. Suggestions to include more STEM courses as Honors in future
 - ii. English 100 & 110: this semester English 110 is not offered, we discussed that making sure these courses were consistently offered would be beneficial
 - b. As a group it would be beneficial to meet monthly and set up concrete meeting dates to invite others to join the conversation, it was suggested that Math instructors have class from 12:45-2pm M-F, it would be helpful to plan meetings before or after this time to include them
 - c. Reviewed how delineating differences between HTP and PTK are happening
 - i. Suggestion to put this on the website just as it is on the orientation Power Point
 - d. Shared with the group that 31% of HTP member haven’t taken 1 unit of Honors course work, and that we believe they are using the program to receive priority registration.
 - i. Discussions about changing this to create consistency
 - ii. Change in bylaws: In order to maintain membership a student must take an honors course within a year of applying to the program to maintain membership. If they are dropped from the program they can reapply.
 - 1. Dave Meckler moved to approve
 - 2. Sarah Harmon seconds
 - 3. No one objected

9. PTK Liaison: Gerald is transferring to SFSU and we are excited for him as he starts his next journey. This is his last meeting
 - a. Suggestion for Jessica Rose to come on as new student liaison. Gerald and Paul are speaking with her and we will hear back from her for confirmation.
10. HCHC Chicago November 11th Conference
 - a. Jessica Kaven will be presenting at the conference with CSM and Skyline Honors counselors
11. Honors Roundtable
 - a. Meeting in October and Sean (student) will be presenting for the roundtable the research he presented at Stanford.
12. Spring 2016 schedule.
 - a. Summer is the best time to set up courses for the Spring it is important that we advocate to other faculty to sign up for honors to provide more options for students.

Meeting adjourned 1:50pm