



HONORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

February 8-9, 2018

Online discussion

MINUTES

In attendance: Christine Swiridoff (chair), Ben Beshwate, Julie Cornett, Cliff Davis, Tom Foggia, Matt Jones, Sarah King, René Mora, Guck Ooi, Claudia Sellers, John Stenger-Smith, Penny Talley

Absent: Steve Rogers

- I. Request for input on unit change for C299H courses
 - o Discussion:
 - o Christine:
 - Problem: 299H courses were approved by CIC but because of the costs associated with a 1.0 unit course, Corey will only approve a limited number of 299H courses
 - Possible solution: change 299H courses to .5 units, starting them later in the semester (to allow instructors to identify students, develop projects, and advertise the 299H course for a month)
 - o Ben:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript; starting courses eight weeks in will give instructors time to assess students
 - o Sarah:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript as well as provide adequate compensation to instructors; most of the honors work occurs in the last eight weeks anyway
 - o René:
 - Agrees that some notation on transcript is important for completing honors contract and that professors are compensation for their work.
 - .5 units is preferable than current process (no notation on transcript).
 - Asked what current honors students want, if they agree with .5 instead of 1 unit.
 - .5 unit will make whole honors contract process easier on everyone, including him, for graduation and UCLA TAP certification as this will let everyone see when honors credit is earned.
 - Question about financial aid impact for students, if students will end up with 11.5 instead of 12 units.



- Christine explained this won't be the case since these students will be full-time at start of the semester, and whether 299H is .5 or 1 unit, it will be added a month into the semester.
- Guck:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript
- Julie:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript
- Cliff:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript
- John:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript
- Claudia:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript
- Tom:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript
- Matt:
 - Expressed concerns that these .5 unit honors courses might set a precedent, allowing admin to eliminate existing honors courses.
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript
- Penny:
 - Approves switch to .5 units so students have credit on transcript
- Action items:
 - Christine will rewrite the CORs for all nine 299H courses to change them from 1.0 to .5 units and present them to CIC this semester
 - We will begin offering .5-unit 299H courses fall 2018
 - 299H courses will replace the existing contract system



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Tuesday, April 17, 2018

LRC 722

12:30 p.m.

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In attendance: Christine Swiridoff (chair), Ben Beshwate, Cliff Davis, Tom Foggia, Matt Jones, Sarah King, René Mora, Guck Ooi

Via phone: Penny Talley

Via email: Steve Rogers, John Stenger-Smith, Claudia Sellers

Absent: Julie Cornett

I. Select scholarship recipients

- Two \$500 transfer:
 - Britney Brown (4.0 GPA)
 - Jenna Daugherty (4.0 GPA)
 - Taylor Frye (3.55 GPA)
 - Kelsey Hire (4.0 GPA)
 - Caitlin Peterson (3.79 GPA)
- One \$1,000 high school:
 - Christian Acosta (4.09 weighted GPA)
 - Emma Gilmartin (4.39 weighted GPA)
 - Ryan McKinney (3.91 weighted GPA)
 - Note: Christine Swiridoff left the room for all discussion and voting due to conflict (child applied for scholarship)

Decisions:

- Britney Brown and Caitlin Peterson
- Emma Gilmartin

Action items:

- Christine will request checks
- René will notify high school recipient and invite her to upcoming banquet

II. Plan graduation banquet

- Saturday, May 5 at Cerro Coso Library (12:30 p.m.)
- Rose Fusco will cater
- Speakers planned:
 - Matt for Janice Baldarado
 - Matt for Sydney Barney
 - Matt for Jonathon Blair
 - Christine for Ethan Borden



- Tom for Britney Brown
- Cliff for Taylor Frye
- Will ask Kim Kelly for Shantaal Hernandez
- Cliff for Jessica Hiatt
- John for Caitlin Peterson
- Program blurbs:
 - Christine will send out email requesting brief statements on all graduates and will include them on the program
- Action items:
 - Christine will invite Kim to speak for Shantaal
 - Faculty will send Christine statements about grads for program
 - Christine will make program
 - René will send invites
 - Committee will meet, and Christine will buy the first round, immediately following the brunch, location TBA

III. Adjournment: 1:15 p.m.