

Steering Committee of the College Honors Institute (CHI)
February 4, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: T.L. Brink, Troy Dial, Gwen DiPonio, Jennifer Floerke, Rick Hogrefe, Ty Hopp, Steve Ramirez

Members Absent: Daniel Bahner, Ryan Bartlett, Jane Beitscher, Debbie Bogh, Judi Harrington, Farhad Mansourian, Ted Phillips, Benjamin Wallsten, Ruby Zuniga

1. The December 3, 2012 minutes were approved.
2. Jennifer gave an update on the HTCC Student Research Conference at UCI, March 23. There are 9 student presenters and 9 student volunteers. All interested faculty members need to RSVP by March for early registration.
3. The Teaching and learning Symposium held at Saddleback College was discussed and they flyer handed out. So far 5 faculty have expressed interest in attending.
4. The CHI application process was discussed. As the program grows it becomes more and difficult for Sharen to input all students into each available Honors section after registration has begun. Jennifer has started a report logging what part of the semester CHI student applications are accepted to note if there is a correlation with student success in CHI. The results have not shown a negative correlation between late CHI membership and success or failure in the Honors program but more data needs to be collected. The committee decided against setting a cut-off date for applications and instead Jennifer will ask each late applicant which Honors section they want and send that information to Sharen.
5. Jennifer reported on the NCHC Conference held in November 2012. Developing math and science honors courses is a common problem in the majority of community college honors programs. Rick announced that an honors chemistry course is in the works.
6. Dates for Spring 2013 events were announced:
 - Tea with the Deans 2/27/13
 - Luncheon with Honors Faculty 4/24/13
 - Honors Talent Show (cancelled)
7. Ty Hopp announced that the Honors Ambassadors are planning a campus visit to UCLA this semester. They also want to outreach to local high schools, plan a social event once a month, and would like to get together to discuss what they like/dislike in their honors classes to give feedback to honors faculty and steering committee.
8. Other concerns included discussion about rotating honors classes each semester. We decided to look at other college's rotation and revisit the discussion.