The Santa Monica Community College District Honor Council was held Thursday, October 2, 2008 at Santa Monica College Vice President of Student Services Conference Room 1900 Pico Boulevard in Santa Monica, California.
Minutes prepared by Tamorah Thomas

I. Call to Order: SMC Honor Council Meeting – 1:01 p.m.

II. Members Present:
Dean: Judy Penchansky
Faculty Members: Dawna Kemper, HC Chair
Cliff Dobbs
Audrey Sandoval
Esau Tovar

Staff Members: Tamorah Thomas, HC Vice Chair

Students: Adrianna Moody
Claudia Garcia Perez
Samuel Nganga

Interested Parties: Trustee David Finkel
Cameron Heaton

III. Review of Minutes
Approved minutes from the September 18, 2008 Meeting

IV. HC Workshop Update
About 14 students attended the workshop on September 25. Greg, Dawna and Trustee Finkel helped to facilitate the meeting. Students participated in open discussions and talked about definitions of cheating and culpability. Overall it was successful.
The next workshop – the possibility of doing a presentation that included humor and role playing was discussed. Bruce Smith’s name was brought up in helping to write the skit (since he did such an incredible job on the Opening Day short play for faculty and staff.) Recruiting HC student members to attend and help facilitate and/or participate in a short play was also a suggestion to explore.

It was decided to skip through the agenda to the Student Outreach Plan.

V. Student Outreach/ Recruitment
- Audrey to view videos vignettes that we have and contact Media Center to help with editing videos. Discussion on showing the videos.
- Bring to the Academic Senate: pop quiz based on a video online for faculty to give to students.
- Contact Benny Blaydes, ICC advisor to meet with the Honor Council. Bring more info to students as well as counselors.
(It would be preferable to have students confirmed/ or appointed through Associated Students to become Honor Council members.)
- Article in the Corsair.
- Bookmarks to pass out – bookstore, Associated Students. Tamorah to contact Steve about a funding source for bookmarks.
- Counseling classes outreach possibilities – invite HC members to present.
- Reach out to specific student groups – Phi Beta Kappa, Student Trustee…..
- Develop an internship program where a student could receive course credit.
- Instructors to offer extra credit through the social sciences courses.
- Before enrollment – view a video on cheating/ academic integrity.
- Develop a special scholarship (David willing to work on that possibility).

Cliff to contact Benny Blaydes for an orientation of the HC process.
Esau to construct an online orientation. (?)

VI. Legal Opinion on Course Failing and Proposed AR 4411 Revisions
   A. Academic Senate resolution still to pass.
   B. Need to revise academic code of integrity.
   C. Need to eliminate option now written in AR 4411 giving instructors ability to fail students for a course.

VII. Cameron Henton – Student Trustee
Cameron joined the meeting to introduce himself to the HC. He is interested in helping to recruit students through Associated Students – to bring the AS and HC together. Discussion on how to get more students involved through Associated Students and how can Cameron help. ICC meetings are held bi-weekly at 4:00pm in Cayton Center.

VIII. Turnitin
Finally got link established! Process complete w/ E Companion. Esau to meet and work w/ the website and how to use Turnitin. Exploring different website/browser options.
ETA expected the first week in November!

IX. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 1:00pm.