The Santa Monica Community College District Honor Council was held Thursday, October 30, 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 – 1:08 p.m.

II. Members Present:

Dean: Judith Penchansky

Faculty Members: Dawna Kemper, HC Chair
Zorica Scuric
Esau Tovar

Staff Members: Tamorah Thomas

Students: Adrianna Moody
Brenda Sanchez

Interested Parties: Bruce Smith

III. Review of Minutes

Review of October, 2 minutes – some corrections were made.
Review of October, 16 minutes – suggestion in future minutes to underline task items.

IV. Honor Board

A. November 14 and December 5 upcoming hearings - faculty and students that will attend and a review of the cases to be heard.
Discussion on access of reviewing 4411 AR on Honor Board voting attendees and AR Codes w/ links on SMC website that students can access.
Dawna to email Waleed about setting up these options.

B. Prep handout – what would be covered in the handout in preparation for a hearing for both faculty and students:
- copy of 4411 and 4412 regulations
- statement of your (student’s case)
- checklist: letters of support (counselor, employer, faculty member/s)
- suggestions on presenting your case (prepare an outline w/ clarity of reasons behind actions of alleged academic integrity.)
V. Committee Membership
Impromptu discussion of what constitutes an official committee member – some current members to be now listed as interested parties.
Tamorah will be sending a reminder email to members to update the roster.

VI. Michael Josephson
Zorica to contact him as a potential speaker to lecture at SMC and to find out about cost of lecture and funding source. (Contact SMC Associates – Judy Neveau)

VII. Student Outreach
A. October 23 workshop update. About 10-14 students attended. Good discussion on how cheating affects students. Good feedback on checking off the Honor Code statement during enrollment. Students seem clearer on what cheating is and how rampant the problem of cheating is. Revise workshop content.
Dawna to look at compressing information and work on ‘script content’.
B. Audrey contacted Linda Webster and Peggy Kravitz to speak to Counseling 11 and 20 classes for HC presentations.
Esau volunteered to do future presentations.
Dawna to coordinate presentations with Counseling classes.
C. Anticipating a short play for spring semester – Bruce Smith joined us to brainstorm ideas that he is putting together for the HC to use in outreach efforts. Lots of good ideas to approach the play: Bruce talked about using an ‘outcome’ oriented approach as opposed to a ‘process’ oriented approach. We gave him ideas about the ‘cheating culture’ – went over some of the cases that the Honor Board has heard – types of cheating and attitudes about cheating. Some general statistics and what we have done already at SMC in terms of outreach to students and faculty. Good book to check out: *The Cheating Culture* by David Callahan.
Dawna: links to Bruce (websites with good info on cheating).
D. Tamorah: bookmarks to reprographics.
Dawna: email Dave Dever about dispensing bookmarks in the bookstore.

VIII. Turnitin
Zorica: test run Turnitin with her class for next assignment.
Update on Turnitin next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 1:00pm.