The Santa Monica Community College District Honor Council was held Thursday, December 4, 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 – 1:03 p.m.

II. Members Present:
   Dean: Judith Penchansky
   Faculty Members: Dawna Kemper, HC Chair
                    Cliff Dobbs
                    Audry Sandoval
                    Esau Tovar
   Staff Members: Tamorah Thomas, HC Vice Chair
                  Lisa Burns
   Students: Brenda Sanchez

III. Review of Minutes

IV. Honor Board
   1. Hearing set for tomorrow.
   2. Discussion on appeals procedures and sanctions.
   3. Update on appeal from November 14 hearing, which was denied.

V. Schedule Hearing and HC Meeting Dates/Times
   1. Hearing dates for the winter session: Fridays - January 16 and February 6, 2009 beginning at 9:30am to review documents.
   2. HC meeting dates for the winter sessions: Thursdays - January 15 and February 5, 2009 from 1:00pm-2:30pm.
   3. HC meeting dates for spring: Beginning date: February 26 every other Thursday from 1:00pm – 2:30pm.
   4. Tamorah to post HC dates on website.
VI. Student Outreach
1. Presentations to Counseling 11 and 20 classes for the spring semester.
   a. Cliff to recruit faculty/students to help give presentations – Alpha Sigma Club and Phi Beta Kappa.
2. Bookstore/Outreach for HC
   a. Blue book printing of the Honor Code – may be cost prohibitive at this time.
      An alternative may be: to have students actually write the code on the inside cover in long-hand and sign. (Some instructors already doing this – how to get the idea out to other instructors – tbd.)
   b. Bookstore will gladly let us put out the HC bookmarks!

VII. Transcript Notation
1. Discussion on the latest developments of Chancellor’s/SMC’s position.

VIII. Turnitin Update – Esau
1. Only a few instructors are interested at this time. Question as to whether or not there is enough support for an institutional license. Dawna to continue testing.

Meeting adjourned early to make way for incoming meeting at 2:07pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 1:00pm.