The Santa Monica Community College District Honor Council was held Thursday, February 5, 2009 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 – 1:04 p.m.**

II. **Members Present:**
   Dean: Judith Penchansky
   Faculty Members: Dawna Kemper, HC Chair
   Clifton Dobbs
   Audrey Sandoval
   Esau Tovar
   Staff Members: Tamorah Thomas, HC Vice Chair
   Students: Adrianna Moody
   Claudia Perez
   Sam Nganga

III. **Review of Minutes**

IV. **Honor Board**
   1. Review of January 16 Honor Board hearing outcomes of two student’s impersonation cases in the Test Assessment Center.
   2. Student self referral case has already appealed to the President’s office. This student will be removed from the Scholars program if appeal is not upheld.
   3. Discussion about working with Teresa Garcia from the Scholars Program – to cross reference names through Judy Penchansky, Dean over the Honor Council/Honor Board and will work on stronger language in the Scholars Program contract understanding the consequences of academic dishonesty for students in the program.
   4. Review of two new cases pending tomorrow before the Honor Board of two students alleged impersonation in the Test Assessment Center.
   5. Discussion on cultural aspects – students who are over-achievers and come from backgrounds with high expectations and pressures. Students who have difficulty looking at the big picture and respond to imposed time restrictions – pressure to complete and excel.
   6. Discussion on whether or not we should hear cases separately or continue to hold cases with students together.
   7. Second student to contact Judy later today to discuss coming before the Honor Board on test assessment impersonation allegation (self-referral).
V. Online New Student Orientation
   1. Discussion on types and length of questions to include in the new student online orientation. Esau to email the access code. In the interest of time – will table brainstorming about questions until the next meeting.

VI. Faculty Flex Day Presentation/Workshop
   1. We are on the flex day schedule for March 19. Dawna reads a workshop statement on, creating an ethical environment and the importance of the student/teacher relationship. how to get across to teachers, the importance of creating a more caring environment in the classroom and that the student matters. Dawna to ask Jim Stramel to help us to present. Judy is involved in another workshop that day and will have to forgo participating in the Honor Council presentation.

VII. Student Outreach and Workshops for Spring
   1. Adrianna and Sam have volunteered to participate and possibly use this as a recruitment opportunity. Adrianna to ask EOPS student to join the Honor Council.
   2. Counseling 11 teacher to include an HC presentation – March 26, 3:45pm class.
   3. Spring semester – student from an Honor Board hearing with sanction imposed to work with Cliff and the Honor Council.
   4. Display case next to the Test Assessment Center ok to use as a display case for the Honor Council.

VIII. Integrating SLO Case Scenario - Esau
   1. Analysis on content of academic integrity question on cheating – Do students understand the academic integrity policies?
   2. Esau will do an online research of past ethical issues that have been reported in the past.
   3. Discussion about students reporting other students when they see them cheating.
   4. Esau also working with new graduating high school students in the spring semester.
   5. Including Professional Ethics Committee/Jim Stramel in this process.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 1:00pm.