The Santa Monica Community College District Honor Council was held
Thursday, March 26, 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 – 1:05 p.m.

II. Members Present:

Dean: Judith Penchansky

Faculty Members: Dawna Kemper, HC Chair
Greg Brookins
John Harwig
John Hoover
Valerie Narey
Audrey Sandoval

Staff Members: Tamorah Thomas, HC Vice Chair

III. Review Minutes of March 12

IV. Welcome New Members
1. John Harwig, John Hoover and Valerie Narey

V. Honor Board
1. No pending cases at this time.
2. Discussion on the Honor Board – updating new members.
   a. Process
   b. Past hearings and outcomes
   c. Timing and prevalence of hearings
   d. What we can improve upon
3. Discussion on the appeal process.
   a. Reviewing the appeal process.
   b. Closing faculty statement may (optional) accompany student’s cases on appeal to the president.
   c. Inclusion of letter outlining appeal process in instructor’s appeal packet.
   d. Instance when charges were upheld, but sanctions were not.
   e. Honor Code violation may include ineligibility and removal from the scholars program, scholarships and/or an Associated Student officer.

4. Transcript Notations
   a. Updating the Administrative Regulations - resubmission of transcript notation for egregious cases.

5. Date set for possible HB hearings, April 10.

VI. Faculty Outreach
1. Faculty flex day debrief.
   a. Are faculty and students communicating?
   b. Jim Stramel reviewed general current statistics.

VII. Student Outreach
1. Review and comments of Dawna’s online orientation write-up.
   a. Ready to send to Delores Raveling to post.
2. Counseling 11
   a. Last two class spots for presenters: Greg and Valerie volunteer.
   b. Summer Bridge presentations.
   b. Tamorah to order more bookmarks.

VIII. Other items
1. Question on college policies ‘drop’ or ‘incomplete’ – stipulation between the two – Judy cites example.
2. Discussion on students’ writing.
   a. Writing in their own words – Listen to “your voice” - “Recognizing that you are probably getting into trouble when your voice begins to change.”

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 1:00pm.