Santa Monica Community College District

Honor Council Meeting

April 23, 2009

Minutes

The Santa Monica Community College District Honor Council was held Thursday, April 23, 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 – 1:06p.m.

II. Members Present:

Dean: Judith Penchansky

Faculty Members: Dawna Kemper, HC Chair
John Harwig
John Hoover

Staff Members: Tamorah Thomas, HC Vice Chair

Student Members: Claudia Garcia Perez

III. Review Minutes of April 9

IV. Honor Board

1. Update on potential HB hearings. No official pending cases at this time – may be a case pending for student recommended to go before the Honor Board.
2. Two students who have ‘served out’ their sanctions and suspension period are able to come back – Judy to review their case and will notify them.
3. Discussion on the distinction between the Discipline Appeals Committee and the Honor Board.
4. Will use the last Honor Council meeting (June 4) to review the year’s Honor Board hearings.

V. Student Outreach

1. Fall dates for HC student services workshops will be on October 1 and October 29.
2. Email from Dawna to faculty to let them know to contact students about workshops.
3. Possible fall semester ‘student focus group’.
4. New batch of book marks are in and were distributed among HC members – then to be distributed to the Bookstore, Financial Aid, EOPS, Welcome Center etc…..
5. Need to continue recruitment for new student members including faculty and staff.
6. Bruce Smith to continue working on his short play (or 3-5 minute vignettes) over the summer semester.
7. Inter-council meeting today with Dawna and Audrey.
VI. Honor Council Banner
   1. Tamorah brought in some design ideas to take to the vendor to have a banner made courtesy of the Financial Aid Office for outreach activities.

VII. College Catalog/Policies – override of “W”
   1. Clarification on “W” policy and failing grades section in the course catalog to go to the Student Affairs Committee.

VIII. Upcoming HC Elections
   1. Elections for new HC chair/ vice chair coming up in May.
   2. Dawna will not be serving as HC chair, but will maintain HC membership.
   3. Tamorah is interested in serving as HC vice chair again.
   4. HC chair nominees should have had at least one year service as an HC member.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 1:00pm.