The Santa Monica Community College District Honor Council was held Thursday, September 10, 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 – 1:00p.m.

II. Members Present:

Dean: Judith Penchansky

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

Staff Members: Tamorah Thomas, HC Vice Chair
Joanne Laurance
Tony Prestby

Student Members: Amanda Sefidvash

III. Review Minutes of August 6 Meeting

IV. Introduction of New HC Member
1. Tony Prestby, staff member from EOPS – welcome!

V. Faculty Flex Day/VIP Day
1. Short discussion on successes of HC poster for the Faculty Flex Day and HC resource table.
   a. We have 4 pages of students’ emails that are interested in hearing more about the HC - Valerie will send an email blast to students from the list.
   b. Wrist bands for next VIP event – Tony to contact vendor and possibly write a grant to fund them! (new members rock!)
VI. HC Fall Semester Meetings
1. Confirmed meeting times/dates.
   a. Twice monthly beginning September 10 to meet from 1:00 – 2:30pm

VII. Tabled letter/s – “How to Prepare for an HC Hearing”

VIII. Course Hero Website – Online Coursework
1. In-depth discussion about online cheating - websites/ published materials and the potential for students obtaining exam keys, homework answers and assignments.
   a. The ‘modern’ student and how the job to teach and instill academic integrity in today’s world is much different than it was 20 years ago.
   b. The arising issues of online coursework and online cheating.
   c. Institutions are now exploring more about how they are giving online courses/testing – contact SMC Distance Education (Julie Yarrish, Wendy Parise)
   d. Look at how online testing can be done differently.
   e. Foreseeing problems with the selling of textbooks by publishing company representatives and the potential for instructor texts getting into the hands of students.
   f. Put to question what is the college’s role if any in the practice of finding out the legitimacy of the publishing reps and what is the procedure, if anything in verifying whether that person is truly a faculty or college member requesting instructor texts and testing materials.
2. Discussion: when students hold seats for another student to enroll in classes prevention possible? – efforts in keeping vigilant realistic?
3. The importance of the faculty role in promoting academic integrity.
   a. Engagement and proactive relationship with students
   b. Maintaining classroom management
   c. Communicate importance of academic integrity
4. Suggestion to propose to the Academic Senate Professional Ethics Committee to revise the faculty’s Statement of Professional Ethics to include a strengthening of language in promoting academic integrity at SMC.
   a. Contact new chair, Tim Cramer to coordinate efforts.
   b. Create a scenario to take to the Professional Ethics Committee
5. Set a goal by the HC’s 5th year- that the greater college community take ownership of promoting academic integrity on campus.
   a. create an Educational Module
6. Invite Tim Cramer, Julie Yarrish and Wendy Parise to HC meetings.

IX. Student HC Workshop
1. October 1 – looking for an faculty and a student HC member to facilitate meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 1:00pm.