Santa Monica College Honor Council • 2009-2010 activities
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For the 2009/2010 term, we will explore ways to engage faculty in fostering an environment of academic integrity for both students and colleagues here at SMC by working with Distance Ed and the Ethics & Responsibilities Committees. With the former we can start a conversation on integrity in the current online environment and how we as a committee can develop new strategies, with the latter we could pursue raising faculty awareness of academic integrity issues, perhaps using the ethical professor email series as a vehicle. We will also continue with the Counseling 11 HC presentations and finding ways to increase honor council visibility on campus.

July
- Planning for upcoming presentations

August
- August 27, Flex Day, HC Poster
- August 28, VIP Welcome Day, HC Table
- Departmental Flex Day Department Presentations
  o Business, Math, Life Sciences

September
- Discussion about online cheating and faculty role in promoting academic integrity

October
- “What’s Up With the HC” Flyers to advertise for workshops
- October 1, workshop: “Cheating: How It Affects You & What You Can Do About It”
- October 29, workshop: “Cheating: How It Affects You & What You Can Do About It”
- Collaboration with Distance Ed members to discuss ideas to submit to the Ethical Professor

November
- Drafted letters to be used for student and instructors on how to prepare for an Honor Board Hearing
- Counseling 11 presentations (1) – Nov 25
- Honor Council Display Case in Liberal Arts Building
- Rotoract Club, HC presentation

December
- Counseling 11 presentations (3) – Dec 2, 3,7

January
- Review of AR 4412

February
- Discussion of www.SMCnotes.com site advertising to buy and sell notes, tests etc online
- Discussion of Plagiarism Tool at www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/01/2

March
- HB hearing (1)
- March 11, workshop: “Cheating: How It Affects You & What You Can Do About It”
- SMC Notes website issue addressed by Judy and site dismantled
- March 17, Corsair Volume XCIX Issue 4 front page article, “Students Cheat Themselves Out of an Education”
- March 24, Corsair Volume XCIX Issue 5 page 4 article, “Cheaters Never Prosper: An Investigation into Cheating and the Consequences Students Face at Santa Monica College”
April
• April 28, Corsair Volume XCIX Issue 9 page 3, “Honor Council plays to SMC’s moral code”

May
• Counseling 11 presentations (3) – May 19, 24, 27
• May 4 and May 6, Bruce Smith Honor Council Comedic Plays
• Recruitment efforts for new faculty and staff members
• Certificate of Appreciation for Amanda Sefidvash for outstanding Student Member

June
• Planning for Fall 2010 Flex and VIP activities