



Honors Transfer Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tues. April 14, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Zoom only: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/87493721360?jst=1>

Meeting Information

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 14
- **Time:** 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Location:** Zoom Only

Attendance

- **Present:** Rebekah Taveau, Daryan Chan, Ameer Thompson, Michael Stanford, Rance Bobo, Chris Burns, Julie Luu (joined at end of meeting)
- **Absent:** John Perez, Salumeh Eslamieh, Emanuela Quaglia, Paul Roscelli, Amira Alekeswani, Ray Lapuz, Nathan Tam

Meeting Minutes

1. Overview & Agenda Approval

- **Process:** Action (All)
- **Minutes Approval:** The minutes from the Feb. 9 meeting were approved unanimously.

2. HTP Successes & Program Data

- **Process:** Information (Daryan, Rebekah, Nathan)

Program Growth & Certifications

- **Transfer Certifications:** 13 UCLA certifications and 7 UCI certifications completed.
- **Graduates:** 17 Honors Graduates are expected this spring.
- **Enrollment & Membership Data (2017–2026):**
 - Honors course enrollments have increased **67%** since 2022.
 - Honors student headcount has increased **66%** since 2022.
 - Program membership (finalized annually in late May) increased **21%** from 2022 to 2025 and is projected to reach a **44%** increase by May 2026 (achieving higher-than-pre-pandemic levels).
 - *Note:* Special thanks to Julie Luu for assistance with interpreting this data.

Conferences & Student Achievements

- **Conference Presentations:**
 - **NCHC (Nov):** 3 students presented.

- **WRHC (UNLV, Las Vegas):** 3 students presented. Notably, Keoni delivered a powerful presentation on the consequences for children of incarcerated parents. Photos will be featured in the upcoming program newsletter.
- **BHC (May):** 2 student presentations have been accepted.
- **Individual Student Success:** Honors Student Ambassador Nathan Tam was accepted to 15 prestigious universities, including Harvard, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, UCSD, Michigan, Georgetown, Northwestern, and Rice. This achievement was shared with the campus via the President's Weekly newsletter.

3. HTP Updates & Fall Course Scheduling

- **Process:** Information (Rebekah)

Program Updates

- **Honors Canvas Module:** Now available in the Commons for faculty to download into their course shells.
- **Monthly Q&A:** The next session is scheduled for Monday, April 27.
- **Spring Enrollments:** Strong enrollment numbers, including 29 students in IDST.

Fall 2026 Course Scheduling & Marketing Plan

- **STATS C1000:** Ameer confirmed that Vera will teach the honors cross-listed section in the Fall. It will share the standard section's days/times but will use a unique CRN.
 - *Action Item:* Rebekah to obtain the unique CRN from Magda to finalize the course flyer.
- **CRER 110:** Rebekah and Daryan are consulting with Max to schedule this course for Fall.
- **CHEM 210:** Camille Kaslan is developing an Honors addendum for this course. Because it is a secure, high-demand requirement for STEM majors, offering it will help fill the program's science gap left by the loss of Environmental 115.
- **Flyer Distribution:** Once the STATS and CRER details are finalized, Rebekah will print and distribute the Fall course flyer to counselors and showcase attendees.
- **Honors Contracts:** Completion forms are due by **May 18**.

4. Honors Research Showcase (April 23–24)

- **Process:** Information & Volunteer Requests (Rebekah)

Showcase Schedule

- **Thursday, April 23:** Features 5 student presenters across various disciplines. Ameer and Daryan will attend in person. Daryan will manage the Zoom chat, links, and virtual logistics.
- **Friday, April 24:** Features an alumni panel consisting of transfer students from Stanford, UCLA, UCI, UC Davis, and UC Berkeley.

Showcase Action Items

- **Evaluators & Logistics:** Faculty volunteers are needed to evaluate presenters, greet attendees, and assist with setup, lunch, and cleanup on Friday.
- **RSVP:** All attendees must RSVP for the provided lunch. Upcoming Honors Ambassadors currently in the hiring pipeline will also assist with volunteering.

5. Academic Senate Resolution & Leadership Transitions

- **Process:** Discussion (All)

Academic Senate Resolution

- A draft of the resolution designed to protect honors courses from sudden cancellations will be discussed at the Academic Senate meeting on **April 23**. (Rebekah will be absent due to Showcase setup).
- **Feedback & Discussion:**
 - Michael cautioned against language allowing low-enrolled honors courses to convert to asynchronous online formats, warning it could allow some dismantling of the in-person student cohort experience.
 - *Recommendation:* Michael suggested appending written student testimonies (e.g., from past students like Samuel or Tristan) to the resolution to demonstrate to administrators how critical the in-person connection is to honors student success.

Social Sciences Leadership Transition

- Michael shared that the Social Sciences division is transitioning. The current coordinator, Bob, is stepping down. Ami has agreed to step in as co-coordinator but will only handle 50% of the workload. A second co-coordinator has not yet stepped up.
- *Action Item:* All future Social Science honors course information and clusters must be routed to the new coordinators once the vacancy is filled.

6. Meeting Minutes Policy & Adjournment

- **Next Meeting:** Time and day to be determined.
- **Meeting Minutes Policy:** Because the committee is not governed by the Brown Act and meetings are relatively small, Rebekah will post the agenda alongside brief summary notes to the program website rather than producing full meeting transcriptions.
- **Adjournment:** 4:30 PM