

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

25 October 2024

8:30-10 am

Remote: Zoom

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:35 am

Present: Fred Bloetscher; Michael Harrawood; Michael Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Sigal Rubin; Alexandra Schmidt; Gerald Sim; Patricia Willems

Ex-officio: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Dan Meeroff; Donna Chamely-Wiik; **Excused:** Chris Strain

Minutes of 27 September 2024 meeting were approved

1) UUPC Updates: (7 October 2024 meeting)

From Undergraduate Studies (University Honors Program):

- New course proposal for SLS 1501 H Intro to Academic Life (for UHP/Boca) (approved)

From the WHC (all approved)

- Terminate SLS 1501 H Intro to Academic Life (no longer taught)
- POS 3691 H Law and American Society (change prerequisites)
- Changes to WHC General Education Requirements (eliminate “Additional Enrichment”; add 3 cts to Humanities category (from 6 to 9 cts); 6 cts added to Social Science category (from 6 to 12 credits)
- Changes to Biology Concentration (removing courses no longer in Gen Ed and updating other areas)
- New Biomedical Science Concentration
- Change to Neuroscience Concentration (Add PCB 3411 as an elective)
- Terminate SLS 1501 H Intro to Academic Life (no longer taught)

2) Senate Updates: (7 October 2024 meeting)

From the WHC (all approved)

- Changes to Biology Concentration (Add PHY 2053)
- Changes to Neuroscience Concentration (Add PHY 2053)

3) New Business: (from the WHC the following were approved)

- New course: POS 4693 Honors Women, the Workplace, and the Law
- Changes to the Mathematics Concentration
- Changes to the Law and Society Concentration
- Changes to the Political Science Concentration
- Changes to the Women’s Studies Concentration and minor

Approved with the proviso that registration Controls be clarified; to be conveyed to WHC and Registrars):

- New course from FAU Jupiter High School: IDS 4897 Honors Interdisciplinary Capstone Research

4) Shared information of changes to the SOA’s +1 master’s program (will allow for non-ASP students to join)

5) Other items: For spring: a rep for A&L (we have already identified someone from Theater and Dance).

For spring: a rep for the WHC (asked M. Harrawood to ask)

6) Dean Meeroff shared the following information:

Steering committee plans to propose a template for changes to Gen Ed requests; **all** Gen Ed courses Simple Syllabi are due 20 November. Important to look at closely: Course description (because there may be changes based on BoG guidelines) Textbook adoption (45 days before term starts and a textbook adoption attestation from BoG; FAU has been flagged because we do not have 100% completion), Learning outcomes (must be added manually), Course grading scale (different on Canvas and Simple Syllabus—ensure yours is consistent throughout the three possible versions), AI language (an option must be selected and the AI committee will look at what professors have been selecting and act accordingly), Resources (soon, faculty will be able to customize), Course topical outline (review and make necessary changes). Gen Ed revisions will occur annually. No moratorium on new course proposals for the Gen Ed.

7) Fall 2024 Spring 2025 meetings: 22 November, 17 January, 14 February, 14 March, 11 April

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 am