

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

22 November 2024

8:30-10 am

Remote: Zoom

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:34 am

Present: Fred Bloetscher; Maré Cudic; Michael Harrawood; Michael Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Sigal Rubin; Alexandra Schmidt; Chris Strain **Excused:** Patricia Willems

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

Minutes of 25 October 2024 meeting were approved

1) UUPC Updates: (4 November 2024 meeting)

From the WHC (all approved)

- New course: POS 4693 Honors Women, the Workplace, and the Law
- New course proposal: IDS 4897 Honors Interdisciplinary Capstone Research
- 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

2) Senate Updates: (4 November 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

- Terminate SLS 1501 H Intro to Academic Life (approved)
- POS 3691 H Law and American Society (change prerequisites) (approved)
- Changes to WHC General Education Requirements (approved)
- Changes to Biology Concentration (approved)
- Change to Neuroscience Concentration (approved)

New Biomedical Science Concentration (postponed until Senate's next meeting)

3) New Business: (from the WHC)

- New course proposal: ASL 1120 Honors Beginning ASL 1 (approved)
- New course proposal: ASL 1121 Honors Beginning ASL 2 (approved)
- Additions to the Gen Ed Requirements (ASL and FOL as "Distinct Humanities Discipline") (postponed)
- Changes to the Neuroscience Concentration (withdrawn by C. Strain)
Committee members suggested a) proposing them as new courses with their own numbers, b) or simply saying "BSC 4930 Special Topics courses count as electives, (as they appear in other concentrations within the WHC) or c) even more simply saying "Any upper-level (or 4000-level) course counts as electives" for the Neuroscience Concentration.
- Changes to the Environmental Studies and Environmental Science Concentrations + Minor in Environmental Studies (approved)
- Changes to the Women's Studies Concentration and minor (2 versions one with all track changes, one with changes incorporated (approved)

4) Other Business: 22 Honors-in-the-Major so far for Fall 2024. The University Honors Program recognized 56 students who completed the program: 7 Valedictorians, 1 National Merit Scholar, 1 Student Athlete

5) Spring 2025 meetings: 17 January, 14 February, 14 March, 11 April
We need a representative from the WHC (C. Strain will be on sabbatical)

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am