

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council Agenda**

21 April 2014

2-3 p.m.

Boca – GS 214 B

Jupiter – HC 130

Agenda

1) Approval of Minutes (24 March 2014 meeting)—sent electronically prior to meeting

2) Discuss changes to Section 4 Commencement Distinction for Honors Graduates of the “Florida Atlantic University Honors Administrative Manual” (tabled at our last meeting)

- a) The selection of silver cords (\$2.60 for two tied) versus braids (very costly)
- b) Provide a template for a uniform certificate (template sent electronically)
- c) Office of Undergraduate Studies provide both the cords and the stoles to ensure uniformity

3) Discussion of a proposal to be added to the end of section 2 of the “Florida Atlantic University Honors Curriculum Manual” (tabled at our last meeting)

Pathway to changing thesis courses (e.g.: 4970/ 4971/ 4972) to a DIS (4905) if the student does not complete the capstone project or if the student does not receive the minimum grade required by that student’s program. Here’s the proposed text we had at our last meeting. In bold are suggested revisions or additions.

If a student is unable to complete the thesis for an honors program or if the student will not earn the minimum grade required for the honors program, the faculty mentor may request that the student's thesis credits be converted to Pass/Fail DIS credits **or elective credits**. The request for the course change must be approved by the Dean of Undergraduate Studies (or, in the case of students at the Honors College, by the Dean of the Honors College), before submission to the University Registrar.

Questions for Deans Buller and Pratt:

- 1) Should the course be renamed “Research and Inquiry in [name of program]”
- 2) How does this affect what is on the transcript of the Honors College students?

4) Discussion of an appeal process involving an Honors Compact (Accounting Scholars Program) as per Section 5, item 9 under “Procedures.” [This item was also tabled at our last meeting]

(Items sent electronically prior to the meeting). Item 9 reads: Any appeals involving an honors compact should be directed to the chair of the University Honors Council who will consult with the UHC before acting on the appeal. Normal university deadlines for all grade changes will still apply

The UHC should consider proposing a clearer procedure for the students and faculty members to follow

5) Announcements:

6) Other Business

7) Adjourn