

University Honors Council  
Minutes  
13 Jan 2014

Present: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Cynthia Blum, Ken Dawson-Scully; Charles Dukes; William Kalies; Chris Strain; Emmanouil Vermisso; Ali Zilouchian

Ex-officio: Jeff Buller

Meeting was called to order at 2 pm.

1) Minutes were approved with corrections.

2) The Honors Course Proposal Evaluation Worksheet was discussed and approved with the following changes.

- a) clarify the wording of the second item under the Mandatory criteria section to the following: "Has justified low student to faculty ratio."
- b) the addition of the following note: "\* Please consult Florida Atlantic University's Honors Curriculum Manual as the authoritative source for the guidelines for courses receiving Honors credit. The Manual can be found at <http://fau.edu/honorsinthemajor/>"

3) On a separate, but parallel vote, the committee voted to add the following note as well to the Honors Proposal Program Worksheet:

"\* Please consult Florida Atlantic University's Honors Curriculum Manual as the authoritative source for the guidelines for Honors-in-the-Majors Program requirements. The Manual can be found at <http://fau.edu/honorsinthemajor/>"

4) Discussion on reviewing the Honors Curriculum Manual as well as the Administrative Manual. These changes would have to be approved by the UUPC (UHC is a subcommittee of UUPC).

5) The following Honors Thesis new course proposals were approved on condition that the LLCL department add (to the proposed syllabus) a 7<sup>th</sup> objective ("complete the thesis") and that "the student must receive a grade of B+ or better to obtain the Honors designation." The four proposals were sent back to LLCL and if the additions are made, they should be forwarded to the UUPC: FRW 4972; ITW 4972; LIN 4972; SPW 4972

6) Recognition items for students completing an Honors in the Major program. The committee discussed various items. Dr. Zilouchian will send us the certificate students in the Innovation Leadership Program receive; Dr. Dawson-Scully will send us a photo of the cord those in Biological Sciences receive.

7) Discussion on how to get the necessary reports of the various aspects of the Honors in the Major programs. The Coordinator:

a) needs to receive the reports of those students completing the programs each semester so that she can send the official letter to the Registrar.

b) would like to have information on who is currently enrolled in the programs. The committee believes the Registrar could help us with an attribute on banner. We would like to invite the Registrar to join us at a future meeting.

c) is aware of the need to receive reports of programs over a period of time to then be reported to the UHC. Perhaps these should be done at the same time that departmental reviews are done.

8) The updated list of students who graduated with honors in the major for 2012-2013 and fall 2013 was distributed. There were 59 in 2012-2013 and 10 in fall 2013.

9) Future business the committee would like to discuss: feasibility of cross-disciplinary work in honors courses.

Meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.