

University Honors Council  
Minutes  
22 October 2013

Present: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair), Cynthia Blum; Ken Dawson-Scully, Charles Duke; Kimberly Dunn; William Kalies; Emmanouil Vermisso; Ali Zilouchian

*Ex-officio*: Jeff Buller, Ed Pratt, Donna Chamely-Wiik  
Guest: Markus Schmidmeier

Meeting was called to order at 9 am.

- 1) Minutes were approved (at the end of the meeting with one correction).
- 2) After some discussion, MA Gosser, Chair of the UHC and University Honors Coordinator will be a voting member of the council. She will recuse herself when there is a conflict of interest.
- 3) The Honors Proposal Program Worksheet was discussed and edited. Changes will be voted on for approval at the next meeting
- 4) On principle, the idea of establishing an Honors Consortium is an excellent one, but members of the council do not feel that at present we can undertake its implementation.
  - a) we can at least have an informal with tea and biscuits similar to the retreat model QEP had at the end of summer in which faculty members interested in Honors education at Florida Atlantic University can meet to discuss ideas across the board.
  - b) or have an honors research day for faculty and honors students.
- 5) Reviews of Honors program: It was agreed that those in charge of Honors programs should submit a 1-2 page report. The UHC Chair will propose a worksheet for the committee to consider. It would be a template/worksheet to be sent to existing programs.
- 6) Discussion of Scholarship for students in Honors in the Major programs tabled until our next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10 am