

Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council
13 November 2017 8:-9:30 am
Boca – GS 214B and Jupiter – SR 200
Minutes

Present: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Tom Atkins; Cynthia Blum; William Bosshardt; Mare Cudic; Ken Dawson-Scully; Michael Harrawood; Diana Mitsova; Miguel Ángel Vázquez; Ali Zilouchian

Ex-officio: Donna Chamely-Wiik, Ellen Goldey, Ed Pratt

Guest: Michelle Cavallo

1) Welcomed our new member: Dr. Miguel Ángel Vázquez (WHC)

2) New Business:

A. Revisions to the Manual: the three suggested changes were approved. The revised manual will be updated on the UHC's website.

B. Courtesy Review of the Biology Honors Capstone Option Proposal

This course will be presented to the Faculty of the Schmidt College of Science and will return to the UHC for a formal vote of approval, which we would conduct via e-mail. The committee made the following recommendations:

- a. The name of the program: Honors Research in Biological Sciences
- b. Clarification that the capstone experience comprises all three of the experiences; it is not a choice among three options.
- c. Under SLO 5, there will be inclusion of the appropriate laboratory safety training prior to initial research.
- d. The discussion of this Honors Research in Biological Sciences, brought to the committee's attention that a change proposal should also be included (when the department puts forth this proposal) for their current track (Honors in Biological Sciences) to be renamed Honors Thesis in Biological Sciences.

3) New Course Proposals:

The following courses proposed by the Wilkes Honors College were approved (with some minor corrections) and will receive a positive recommendation going to the UUPC.

- a. CRW 3122 Retelling Myths and Fairytales Creative Writing Workshop
- b. CRW 3224 Writing Creative Nonfiction
- c. CRW 4924 Honors Advanced Creative Writing Workshop

These are the corrections: "Honors" was missing on the "New Course Proposal forms" and on two of the syllabi; the note of what makes this an Honors course was missing from the syllabi; the Disability Policy Statement needs to be updated on all three syllabi; and the statement regarding the working email should specify it is an FAU email.

4) Other Business: From URCC as an FYI

- A) The UHC looked at existing honors courses that are also being proposed as Research Intensive (RI) and echoed the suggestions made by URCC (e.g., the Disability Policy Statement needs to be updated).
 - a. ENG 4910 RI Honors Research
 - b. ENL 4333 RI Honors Shakespeare
 - c. LIT 4243: RI Honors Milton and the English Revolution
- B) Mention of the ongoing discussion of using "Honors" for courses on Boca that were first proposed by the WHC; that involves the Registrar and how to make it work (e.g. prerequisites, grading, etc.).
- C) Discussion of how to convey the flow of proposing courses since UUPC now has many subcommittees.

5) Other Business: Next meeting, 11 December 8:00-9:30 am

6) Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.