

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

21 January 2022

8:30-10 am

Remote: Cisco Webex

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:33 am

Present: Nicholas Baima, Allan Barsky; Fred Bloetscher; Michael Harrawood; Mike Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Eric Levy, Michelle Papania

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

Minutes of 19 November 2021 meeting were approved

1) UUPC Updates: (6 December 2021 meeting)

The following changes were approved:

- BSC 3452 H Experimental Design and Data Analysis
- BSC 4422 H Molecular Ecology

2) Senate Updates: (6 December 2021 meeting)

The following changes were approved:

- Changes to Neuroscience Concentration (two tracks: Cellular and Behavioral)

3) Approved:

From the University Honors Program (MAG)

- To reduce the number of credits required from 20 to 14 + changes to catalog indicating option to complete Directed Independent Research coursework and Research Certificate

4) Information Item:

From the Wilkes Honors College:

- Changes to the English Literature concentration; recategorizing courses (2 document detailing changes + program change form)

5) Discussion:

Brief overview of Dr. Patricia Smith's Report and highlights of her findings:

- Must be a campus-wide conversation with different stake holders
- Define purpose and establish a focus (theme) with faculty familiar with honors and discuss in the UHC (how does the FAU Boca Honors Program fit within the goals of the strategic plan)
- Recruitment of faculty

Provost meeting on "Four-Years Honors Programs in Boca" on 9 February.

- What is the value of an Honors Program?
- Help with student retention
- Need to brand and define areas of interest (i.e., Research, Entrepreneurship, Study Abroad) to attract students

Announcements: Spring 2022 meetings: 18 February, 18 March, 15 April

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am