

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

19 November 2021

8:30-10 am

Remote: Cisco Webex

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:32 am

Present: Nicholas Baima, Allan Barsky; Fred Bloetscher; Mare Cudic; Michael Harrawood; Mary Ann Leavitt; Eric Levy, Michelle Papania, Gerard Sim

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

Excused: Mike Harris

Minutes of 29 October 2021 meeting were approved

1) UUPC Updates: (8 November 2021 meeting)

The following change was approved:

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

2) Senate Updates: (8 November 2021 meeting)

The following changes were approved:

- Changes to Biological Chemistry concentration
- Changes to International Studies concentration
- Changes to Latin American concentration
- Changes to Law and Society concentration

3) Approved: 2 New course proposals from WHC (with suggested revisions)

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

4) Updates to growing Honors:

- Reviewed 2 surveys for UHP (spring 2022); add race/ethnicity and gender/sexuality categories; need to have John Cahill approve
- 2 members volunteered to help with Focus groups in spring 2022
- Updates on talks with Dean and Associate Dean of Honors College at Oklahoma State University
 - i. Curricular: honors sections, honors seminars, honors ad-ons, and honors compacts
 - ii. Experiential Learning: earn credit for study abroad, internships, research, leadership, tutoring, community mentor (~RA), performing arts (write a reflective paper)
- Reported on presentation of UHC's work on "Four-Years Honors Programs in Boca" to the COD Wednesday, 17 November
 - Will email the committee the Executive Summary + the draft of the PowerPoint

5) Next semester:

- After survey responses, Provost wants UHC to review and resubmit a proposal with a budget
- Discuss broader perspective and work on what a 4-years honors experience through the colleges would look like
- MAGE and UHP: will propose reduction of credit hours (from 20 to 14) and accept study abroad coursework as honors credit

6) Recognized Dean Pratt's service on this committee in particular and to FAU in general.

Announcements: Spring 2022 meetings: 21 January, 18 February, 18 March, 15 April

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am