

University Honors Council
Florida Atlantic University
Minutes
17 Feb. 2014
GS 214 B
SR-200

Present: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Cynthia Blum; Ken Dawson-Scully; Mirya Holman; William Kalies; Emmanouil Vermisso; Ali Zilouchian

Ex-officio: Jeff Buller, Ed Pratt.

Guests: Drs. Clifford Brown and Markus Schmidmeier

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.

1) Suggestions for the reporting of Honors in the Major: either add a template for submission of the information or have an option to upload the document with the information.

2) Dr. Brown gave a brief introduction to his Department's Honors in Anthropology proposal and sought input from members of the committee.

Several recommendations and suggestions were made (these included recommendations for clarifying application for admission into the program, maintaining the standards, probation and dismissal procedures, some suggestions for honors level enrichment possibilities (submit a proposal to the Undergraduate Research Symposium or the Undergraduate Research Journal).

3) Minutes of 13 January 2014 meeting were approved.

4) Recognition items: MA Gosser will work on getting silver models and estimates for University-wide Honors Cords (to be purchased by Office of Dean of Undergraduate Studies).

4) Updates:

a) The Registrar is working on our request to be able to track students who are in an Honors in the Major program (stems from a meeting Dr. Dunn, Dean Pratt, and I had with Dr. Kutchner in January).

b) The four thesis courses proposed by the Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature were approved at the UUPC meeting (14 February 2014).

c) Honors Freshman Reading fall 2014 selection: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

5) New business: to be considered at our next meeting:

a) a petition to the Registrar to have the "Honors" appellation on students' diplomas (both from the Wilkes Honors College as well as students who complete Honors in the Major programs). MA Gosser will draft it.

b) draft a proposal to submit to UUPC for allowing students to convert "thesis" courses into DIS courses (when they are unable to complete the thesis). These students will graduate if they meet all other criteria. They will not have "Honors" designation on their transcripts, but they will be able to graduate.

6) Meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.