

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council
Minutes**

10 September 2014 8:30-10 am
Boca – SU 223 and Jupiter – HC 130

Present: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Cynthia Blum; William Bosshardt; Ken Dawson-Scully; Charles Dukes; Michael Harrawood; William Kalies; Diana Mistova; Christopher Strain; Ali Zilouchian

Ex officio: Ed Pratt; Jeff Buller; Donna Chamely-Wiik

Guests: Clifford Brown; Angela Gaze; Tim Lenz; Joanne Parandjuk; Rita Pellen

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

1) Minutes of 21 April 2014 meeting were approved.

2) New members and guests were introduced.

3) Ms. Parandjuk and Ms. Pellen (Library) gave a presentation on the sort of projects that can be e-archived in the library. The items can be archived in two ways: a single collection per major or as honors in the major (all together). They demonstrated the sites they already have for archiving the projects from the WHC. They agreed to create an Excel spread sheet for the Honors Coordinator detailing the information, they would require: e.g., Thesis/Capstone Advisor, Title, and very importantly if the Archive Consent Form and the Project File were sent to the Honors Coordinator. They explained that some projects could be stored as “embargo” items forever, but the abstract would be available. These would be for items related to patents or creative collections.

We also discussed the possibility of having OIT help us create an online submitting platform.

4) The POS 4972 Honors Thesis in Political Science proposal was approved and will be sent to UUPC pending a revision of the title (as stated in these minutes). Tim Lenz was charged with notifying his department of the suggested changes.

5) Dr. Clifford Brown presented his department’s point of view regarding an Honors Thesis in Anthropology proposal. The committee would still like to see a syllabus which clearly states that a finished capstone project is required and that consistent standards for the two-semester Honors Research I and II (this one being the thesis one) should be made clear.

6) Meeting time (8:30-10 am) and dates for the rest of the year were established and will be placed on the Honors in the Major website: <http://fau.edu/honorsinthemajor/>

26 September; 31 October; 21 November; 16 January; 13 February; 20 March; 17 April

7) Dr. Chamely-Wiik presented the most recent version of the Research and Inquiry Intensive courses designation criteria. She explained that a subcommittee of the UUPC would review the courses submitted in order to confer it such a designation (much like what the UHC does for Honors proposals). After some discussion, members of the committee expressed the view that our colleagues in the various disciplines could be trusted with determining what constitutes research and inquiry in their respective disciplines. The committee endorsed the ideas in the document.

8) Other business: at our next meeting we will discuss the documents needed for the e-archiving process to get underway; and Mary Ann will email the document with the numbers of UHP students and students who have completed upper-division work and who have graduated in the past six semesters.

9) Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Gosser.