

Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council
26 January 2018 8:30-10:00 am
Boca – GS 214B and Jupiter – SR 200
Minutes

Meeting started at 8:30 am

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

Ex-officio: Ed Pratt

Guest: Dr. Laura Backstrom (Sociology)

Minutes of 11 December 2017 meeting were approved with one correction.

- 1) Dr. Laura Backstrom (Sociology) presented her department's proposal for an Honors in Sociology. The committee reviewed the proposal and made the following recommendations and encouraged the resubmission of the proposal for the next UHC meeting on 23 February 2018, together with the Honors Thesis, DIS, and DIRs new course proposals (these would need to go through the department and the college's UPC).
 - a) Under Entry Requirements (a) make clear that there is an application form that needs to be filled out and formally submitted.
 - b) Under Program Standards, add language that addresses what happens to students (and the courses they took) if they are dismissed from the Honors Program. For example language to the effect that:
 - 1) *Student must maintain an overall 3.2 GPA and a 3.5 GPA in the major.*
 - 2) *Student must complete all field distribution requirements of the respective major.*
 - 3) *Student must abide by the Code of Academic Integrity.*
 - 4) *Student may be placed on probation in the Honors in the major program for one semester if overall GPA and/or major GPA is not maintained; if required minimum GPA and/or major GPA is not reestablished after the probationary semester, the student will be dismissed from the program.*
 - c) Under Honors Enrichment:
 - 1) Clarify that one Research Methods course is compulsory
 - 2) Consider the following language in lieu of "graduate" level course:
Complete with a grade of B+ or higher an advanced seminar in the area of research interest of the student. This course will fulfill one of the three electives required of the major.
 - 3) Propose the DIS or DIR as 1-3 variable-credit courses.
 - d) Under Capstone Experience, b. Research Team: offer more precise outcomes and what would be expected of the student.
- 2) The following new courses proposed by the Wilkes Honors College will be sent to UUPC with the UHC's approval.
 - a. IDS 3187 H Law in the Real World
 - b. PHI 3655 H Ethics in Business, Government and Society
- 3) **Announcements:**

Information on archiving Honors-in-the Majors capstone projects is now on the Honors in the Majors' website together with the PDF for the release form.

Dr. Dawson-Scully announced that a proposal for the FAU/Max Planck honors program (MPHP) is in the making. The committee is co-chaired by Dean Goldey (WHC) and Dean Sarajedini.

A) Next meeting, Friday, 23 February 2018 (8:30-10:00 am)

4) Adjourned at 9:30 am