

Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council
12 February 2016 8:30-10 am
Boca – GS 214B and Jupiter – SR 275
Minutes

Present: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Tom Atkins; Cynthia Blum; Bill Bosshardt; Cudic Mare; Ken Dawson-Scully; Warren McGovern; Diana Mitsova-Boneva; Ali Zilouchian

Ex-officio: Donna Chamely-Wiik

Guest: Dr. Paul Kirchman, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College

1) Minutes for 15 January 2016 meeting were approved

2) Update on items sent to Steering and Senate:

The Honors in Chemistry program and the CHM 4972 Honors Thesis in Chemistry were approved by Steering and Senate.

3) Update on item sent to UUPC

The Honors in Nursing Program Proposal and three new honors seminars were approved by UUPC.

4) New Business:

The UHC discussed the conversion of the Wilkes Honors College proposal of the following 9 BA programs into BS Programs: Biological Chemistry; Biology; Chemistry; the Environmental Science track within Environmental Studies; Marine Biology; Neuroscience—Track One: Cellular Neuroscience; Neuroscience—Track Two: Neuroscience, Cognition, and Behavior; Physics; and Psychology.

Dr. Kirchman gave us an overview and an explanation for these changes. The committee endorsed the proposal and sent it to UUPC with the request that 1) several errata would be corrected prior to the submission and 2) add an implementation date (Fall 2016) with students offered the possibility of being grandfathered or be allowed into the new BS.

5) Other Business: Dr. Chamely-Wiik asked the UHC committee members for input regarding

- a. If undergraduate thesis is considered a publication (UHC determined it was not)
- b. If faculty should be responsible for meeting all requirements for human subject (IRB) prior to their students or them receiving funding from OURI (UHC determined yes)
- c. Concern regarding the WHC's Honors BS in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Chemistry proposal in comparison to the College of Science recently approved Honors in Chemistry program.

6) Adjourned 9:20 am

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Gosser Esquilín