

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

Minutes

27 October 2023

8:30-10 am

Remote: Microsoft Teams

Meeting started at 8:32 am

Present: Fred Bloetscher; Rachel Corr; Maré Cudic; Seth Fallik; Michael Harrawood; Mike Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Michelle Papania; Gerard Sim; Patricia Willems

Excused: Chris Strain

Absent: Eric Levy

Guest: Jennifer Krill

Ex-officio: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Dan Meeroff; Donna Chamely-Wiik

Minutes of 29 September 2023 meeting were approved

1) UUPC Updates: (9 October meeting)

- Interdisciplinary Ethics Minor (revise requirements and add flexibility) approved
- Interdisciplinary Philosophy Concentration (revise requirements and add flexibility) approved
- Philosophy Concentration (revise requirements and add flexibility) approved
- Philosophy minor (revise requirements and add flexibility) approved
- PHI 3320 H Philosophy of Mind (new course proposal from WHC) approved
- PHI 4400 H Philosophy of Science (new course proposal from WHC) approved

2) Senate Updates: (9 October 2023 meeting)

- No UHC items

3) New business:

From the WHC and presented by Dr. Krill:

- PCB 4054C RI: H Drosophila Genes and Behavior (new course from the WHC approved)
- PCB 4832 RI: H Neurophysiology (new course proposal approved)

Dr. Krill presented both courses and reviewed the recommendations made by the UURC for RI designation (these came later to the UHC's attention). Both courses were approved; however, Dr. Krill has to make certain edits. For PCB 4054C specifically, add minimum qualifications to teach course. For PCB 4832C specifically, edit course description (on cover sheet and on syllabus) to avoid redundancy and add Honors College under Registration Controls. For both courses: eliminate IFP Course Objectives and Criteria and update the effective date on the syllabus (it's fine on the cover sheets).

From Undergraduate Studies Faculty Committee and presented by Dean Meeroff:

- Professional Studies Program (new honors program approved)

4) Old Business

2023 University Honors Program survey overview of findings (what is keeping UHP students from completing the program). Strategies to retain them and help them achieve the 14 honors credit hours + 20 hours of community service include: the Honors Students Group to help organize service activities. To help them complete honors credits: for next year's assessment, cull information of incoming class as to how many credits (IFP) they have completed in correlation to their majors to offer courses better aligned with their academic interests.

5) Fall 2023 meetings: 17 November; **Spring 2024 meetings:** 19 January, 16 February, 15 March, 19 April

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am