

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

Minutes

17 November 2023

8:30-10 am

Remote: Microsoft Teams

Meeting started at 8:33 am

Present: Fred Bloetscher; Maré Cudic; Michael Harrawood; Mary Ann Leavitt; Eric Levy; Michelle Papania; Patricia Willems

Excused: Seth Fallik

Absent: Mike Harris; Gerard Sim; Chris Strain

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

Minutes of 27 October 2023 meeting were approved

1) UUPC Updates: (6 November meeting)

- Honors Program for Bachelor of Professional Studies (approved)

2) Senate Updates: (6 November 2023 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

3) Old Business

Honors in Engineering Program revision presented by Dr. Bloetscher approved

4) New business:

From the WHC all items were approved

- POS 2692 H Punishment (remove WAC status)
- H Marine Biology Concentration (changes to program)
- H Psychology Concentration (changes to program)
- H Minor Concentration in Spanish Literature change to H Minor Concentration in Spanish (changes to program)
- H Transdisciplinary Visual Art Minor (changes to program)

5) A. Report: Dean Meeroff shared a PowerPoint been presented at the most recent BOT meeting focusing on the “Atlantic Effect” and the group of students who come in with a 4.0 HS GPA and remain in the 3.5-4.0 range at FAU. He asked for us to share this information with our departments and send ideas to him on which sorts of outreach programs/efforts would help retain these high-performing students and encourage them to complete their degrees at FAU. The graduation rate for these students is better when compared to other groups. He also shared other data showing the amount of time students spend in various activities (work, commute, taking care of dependents, studying, among others).

NOTE: Idea suggested: to offer more Honors-in-the-Major programs

B. Dean Meeroff informed us of FAU’s AI website (fau.edu/ai). It is an institutional page to promote the ethical use and available tools for faculty. Feedback and updates can be sent through the “feedback tool” on the website. Moreover, anyone interested may also join the faculty committee to establish AI policies.

6) Spring 2024 meetings: 19 January, 16 February, 15 March, 19 April

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am