

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

16 January 2015

8:30-10 am

Boca – GS 214B and Jupiter – SR 270

Minutes

Present: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Cynthia Blum; Charles Dukes; Diana Mitsova; Zhixiao Xie; Ali Zilouchian

Ex officio: Ed Pratt; Donna Chamely-Wiik

Guests: Ms. Joanne Parandjuk (Library), Dr. Clevis Headley (Philosophy)

1) Minutes: approved with no corrections

2) Welcomed our new member: Zhixiao Xie (Geosciences Department) and representative from the Schmidt College of Science

3) Update on items sent to 13 January Steering meeting:

- a) UHC's amendment to the Honors Compact and its application form were approved and were sent to Senate's 23 January meeting
- b) UHC's proposal regarding converting honors thesis credits to research ones was withdrawn by MAGE, prior to a negative vote by the Steering committee

4) Ms. Parandjuk (Library) presented the new digital archiving site for honors capstone projects in the library's digital collection. The following are the links from which to access the collection:

- a) HIM Collection in the Top Level of FAU Digital Collections
<https://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3Aroot>
- b) Collection Content page <https://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3Ahim>
- c) To view All Content page that provides facets to drill down searching in the collection (when we have more items) <https://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3Ahim>
- d) Item Summary page <https://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3A17038>
- e) and from the full description there is a permanent URL that students, faculty, readers can copy and include in References, Travel Grants, Grad school applications, CVs etc.:
<http://purl.flvc.org/fau/fd/FA00003903>

5) New Business:

Honors in Philosophy (**Dr. Clevis Headley**). The committee discussed the proposal for this new honors program and offered advice on which items need clarification, corrections, further development, or where the committee had found discrepancies. The committee did not vote on the proposal but asked Dr. Headley to take it back to his department in order to revise it and resubmit it. The committee is fully supportive of the overall proposed Honors in Philosophy program.

Suggestions included the following: enhance notion of student enhancement (is there a Philosophy Club and hence could ask students to be part of leadership in the club; clarify the prior semester's experience and differentiate from the honors thesis one; build on PHI 4938 coursework; clarify how other faculty members would be consulted; create a clear application form (see models in other Honors in the Major Programs).

6) Other Business: FAU Boca is now a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council which offers undergraduate honor students and faculty mentors the possibility of sending proposals to their national conference in order to present their research. <http://nchchonors.org/>

The **2016** conference of the **Southern Regional Honors Council** will be held March 31st-April 2nd in Orlando.

Mary Ann will send the following information to the deans: SG funding, e-archiving of Honors Capstone projects in the library and the National Collegiate Honors Council membership and conference information.

7) Donna Chamely-Wiik: Based on an NSF grant (set of questions) she raised the issue of what are FAU's ethics politics or standards in general, in Honors in the Major programs? Who is responsible for ensuring these are compliant? Should we develop a policy with a required signature stating that requirements were met?

8) Adjourned at 9:55 am

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Gosser