

Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council
20 October 2015 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; Charles Dukes; Michael Harrawood; Warren McGovern; Diana Mitsova-Boneva

Ex-officio: Donna Chamely-Wiik, Ed Pratt

Guest: Dr. Jerry Haky, Chemistry Department

- 1) Minutes for 28 August 2015 and 9 October 2015 meetings were approved
- 2) Welcome new member: Dr. Tom Atkins, Theater and Dance Department, College of Arts and Letters
- 3) Update on items sent to Senate:
The School of Urban and Regional Planning for Honors in the Major in their **two** Bachelor programs were approved on 9 October 2015.
- 4) The committee reviewed the proposal for an Honors in Chemistry. After some discussion and clarifications, the committee voted to approve the proposal for the Program and the new course proposal, CHM 4972 Honors Thesis in Chemistry. Dr. Haky and Dr. Mare made note of the clarifications (i.e., 1.b should read “majors” and not “total undergraduate chemistry student enrollment”; identify the need for an “admission’s committee”; under 3.a clarify what the honors-level enrichment curricular activities would be; 3.g change the “may” to “will”; give thought to what happens if student does not complete the thesis or does not meet the grade criteria; in Appendix A, change “identical” to “uniform”; under Honors Compact for CHM 3060 eliminate “College of Science Symposium” (the College no longer has a symposium); clarify that the program’s compacts are to be delivered by full-time faculty members; and several typos that were pointed out in the syllabus.
- 5) MA Gosser presented the changes that need to be made to the University Honors Program’s 1930 courses and the common IFP curriculum. These are to be requested from the respective departments and will make their way through the UHC.
- 6) Other business: Dr. Bosshardt expressed concern over the disproportionate ratio of high school students in some UHP courses for spring semester.
- 7) Announcement of our meeting dates for 2016: Fridays 8:30-10 am, 15 January, 12 February, 18 March, and 15 April
- 8) Adjourn 9:30 am

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Gosser