

**Florida Atlantic University  
University Honors Council**

21 November 2025

8:30-10 am

Remote: Zoom

**Minutes**

**Meeting started at 8:30 am**

**Present:** Shawn Backer; Fred Bloetscher; Maré Cudic; Michael Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt ; Eric Levy; Chris Strain; Gretchen Suárez-Peña; Patricia Willems

**Excused:** Alexandra Schmidt

**Absent:** Michael Harrawood

**Guests:** David Herst; Len Trevino

**Ex-officio:** Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Donna Chamely-Wiik; Dan Meerooff; Mary Downing Patterson

**Minutes** of 24 October 2025 meeting were approved

**1) UUPC Updates:** (3 November 2025 meeting)

From the Wilkes Honors College:

- CPO 2002 Honors Intro to Comparative Politics (add as Gen Ed course in Soc Science Group B)
- PCB 3840 Honors Intro to Neuroscience (new course proposal)
- PCB 3850C Honors Neurobiology Imaging (new course proposal)
- PCB 4841 Honors Cellular Neuroscience (prerequisite changes)
- PSB 3340 Honors Behavioral Neuroscience (prerequisite changes)
- Neuroscience minor (new minor proposal)

From College of Engineering and Computer Science:

- Honors in Engineering (general revisions)

**2) Senate Updates:** (3 November 2025 meeting) Approvals all for WHC

- POS 2692 H Law, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System (change prefix, number, title, description, and add to Gen Ed)
- CPO 3003 to CPO 2002 H Intro to Comparative Politics (change course number and description)
- Law and Society Concentration (add electives)
- Child and Family Studies minor (new minor proposal)
- International Studies Minor (new minor proposal)
- Political Science Concentration (changes to include several new courses)

**3) New Business:** From College of Business:

- Revisions to the Honors in International Business (D. Herst) approved after suggested edits

**4) Old Business (WHC):** both approved on condition that WHC seek letters of support from Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion

- Interdisciplinary Health minor (new minor proposal)
- HUN 3207 Honors Human Nutrition and Health (new course proposal)

**5) New Business:** From the WHC: (all were approved)

- BSC 4892 Honors Artificial Intelligence in Biology (new course proposal)
- Biology Concentration (add electives, change number for H Intro to Neuroscience)
- Biomedical Sciences Concentration (add electives, change number for H Intro to Neuroscience)
- Data Science Minor (add alternative, add elective, change course number for H Experimental Design and Data Analysis)
- Digital Game Development Minor (add electives, PHI 4131 )

**6) Other business: Spring:** revisions to our Honors Manuals (G. Suárez-Peña volunteered to help)

UHP Satisfaction survey (99 replies; closes on Tuesday, 25 November)

UHP Recognition ceremony 17 November: 87 completed; 10 valedictorians

C. Strain's most recent book just came out

**7) Spring 2026 meetings:** 16 January, 13 February, 20 March, 17 April

**Meeting adjourned at 9:29 am**