

**Florida Atlantic University  
University Honors Council**

13 February 2026

8:30-10 am

Remote: Zoom

**Minutes**

**Meeting started at 8:33 am**

**Present:** Shawn Backer; Fred Bloetscher; Maré Cudic; Michael Harris; Terje Hill (for M. Harrawood); Eric Levy; Alexandra Schmidt; Chris Strain; Patricia Willems

**Excused:** Michael Harrawood      **Absent:** Mary Ann Leavitt; Gretchen Suárez-Peña

**Guests:** M. Rapoport, K. Dunn, A. Gaze

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

**Minutes** of 21 November 2025 meeting were approved

**1) UUPC Approvals:** (1 December 2025 meeting) (no honors items on 26 January 2026 meeting)

From the Wilkes Honors College:

- BSC 4892 Honors AI Applications in Biology (new)
- HUN 3207 Honors Human Nutrition and Health (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)
- Interdisciplinary Health minor (new minor proposal)

From Business:

- Revisions to the Honors in International Business
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**2) Senate Approvals:** (1 December 2025 meeting) From the WHC:

- 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)

(26 January 2026 meeting) From the Wilkes Honors College:

- BSC 4892 Honors AI Applications in Biology (new)
- HUN 3207 Honors Human Nutrition and Health (new course proposal)
- Biology Concentration (changes)
- Biomedical Sciences Concentration (changes)
- Data Science Minor (changes)
- Digital Game Development Minor (changes)
- Interdisciplinary Health minor (new minor proposal)

From Business:

- Revisions to the Honors in International Business Program

### **3) New Business:**

From Schmidt College of Arts and Letters: (M. Rapoport) All items were approved

- Change number of credits for honors thesis courses: FRW 4972, ITW 4972, LIN 4972, SPW 4972
- Changes and updates to Honors in Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature

From College of Business:

- Revisions to Accounting Scholars Program (K. Dunn, A. Gaze) Approved
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From the WHC (T. Hill): Both approved with corrections to course titles/honors designation

- Changes to Data Science and Analytics Concentration
- Changes to Interdisciplinary Mathematical Sciences Concentration

Information item: Remove ARH 2050 and ARH 2051 as a General Education course / Humanities / Group B

### **4) Other business:**

D. Chamely-Wiik: asked WHC if they could work with her office about making Research Certificate more readily attainable for WHC students. WHC welcomed the idea.

MA Gosser: asked representatives of WHC if the UHP could pursue asking for THE 2000 and MAC 2233 to be proposed as Honors Courses (to add to course offerings to UHP students). No objections on their part.

Dean Meeroff: 1. showed how to navigate the Ally-Accessible Report (Dashboard that shows what Canvas courses still need to meet accessibility requirements).

2. announced (and showed) that a Module in Canvas Commons on Academic Integrity can now be easily accessed, exported, and modified.

3. Memorandum from Chancellor: Paperwork for Gen Ed courses that need to be removed for 2026 have to be submitted by 3 March. FAU will maintain its current gen ed offerings for 2026. Future changes (at today's CCC) will be effective in 2028.

D. Chamely-Wiik: reminder of Spring symposium dates (submission deadline: 2 March 2026; Symposium: 3 April 2026. OURI is asking for submissions for oral presentations.

### **5) Spring 2026 meetings: 20 March, 17 April**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:18 am**