

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council Minutes**

17 April 2026 8:30-10 am Remote: Zoom

Meeting started at 8:31 am

Present: Shawn Backer; Michael Harrawood; Michael Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Alexandra Schmidt; Gretchen Suárez-Peña; Mark Tunick; Patricia Willems **Excused:** Fred Bloetscher; Chris Strain **Absent:** Eric Levy

Guests: Provost Ken Dawson-Scully

Ex-officio: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Dan Meeroff; Mary Downing Patterson, David Herst; Justin Perry

Minutes of 20 March 2026 meeting approved

1) UUPC Updates: (30 March 2026 meeting)

College of Education: Terminate Undergraduate Research Honors Program: Effective Integration of Educational Impact and Outcomes through Honors Elementary (EIEIO-ELEM Honors) and Secondary (EIEIO-Secondary Honors) Curriculum and Instruction. Explanation of why this item did not come to the UHC's previous meeting.

Wikes Honors College:

- Changes to Political Science Concentration
- Changes to Philosophy Concentration and Minor
- Changes to Law and Society Concentration
- Changes to Interdisciplinary Ethics minor
- Remove prerequisite from POS 4609 H The Judicial Process
- Remove ARH 2050 H History of World Art I and ARH 2051 H History of World Art II from Group B Humanities

2) Senate Updates: (30 March 2026 meeting meeting)

Schmidt College of Arts and Letters:

- 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

College of Business: Revisions to Accounting Scholars Program

Wikes Honors College:

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

3) Greetings: Provost Ken Dawson-Scully will visit committees every semester. Thanked our members for their work.

4) New Business:

From the WHC: (M. Tunick) All items were approved

- Changes to Concentration and Minor in Anthropology
- Changes to Concentration in Biological Anthropology
- Changes to Minor in French and Francophone Studies
- ECO 4053 H Philosophy and Theory of Markets. Change title and description of the course. Department of Philosophy has some concerns about "Philosophy" in the title. Suggested: eliminate Philosophy or call it "Theory and Markets Processes." M. Tunick will reach out to professor.

5) End-of-year reports: Calendar year 2025:

- # of students who completed UHP: 87
- # of UHP Honors compacts completed: 207
- # of students who completed an Honors-in-the-Major program: 80 (5 of whom were UHP students)
- # of HIM Honors compacts completed: 122
- 201 new students started the UHP in Fall 2025; at present we have 396 students

6) Next year's meetings will be announced as soon as Senate sets the dates of their meetings.

- Please let me know if you will have someone else replace you on this committee.

7) Other business: At 2026 Honors Convocation, Mary Ann Leavitt received the Alumni Degree of Difference Award Aaron Thon (UHP & Accounting Scholars Program) received the Hersker, Shaw, Gosser Honor Society of PKP Award

D. Meeroff: **Pre-law articulation MOU** with Nova and St Thomas almost ready to be signed in case WHC also wants to be part of it.

Adjourned at 9:16 am