

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

24 October 2025

8:30-10 am

Remote: Zoom

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:32 am

Present: Cassandra Atkin-Plunk; Fred Bloetscher; Michael Harrawood; Michael Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt (T); Eric Levy; Alexandra Schmidt; Chris Strain; Gretchen Suárez-Peña; Patricia Willems

Excused: Shawn Backer; Maré Cudic

Guest: Miguel Á. Vázquez

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

Minutes of 26 September 2025 meeting were approved

1) UUPC Updates: (6 October 2025 meeting) All approved for the WHC

- Child and Family Studies minor (new minor proposal)
- Law and Society Concentration (changes; add courses)
- CPO 3003 to CPO 2002 Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics (change course number)
- International Studies Minor (new minor proposal)
- Political Science Concentration (changes to include several new courses)

2) Senate Updates: (6 October meeting) Approvals

For the University Honors Program:

- Updates to UHP's General Education Curriculum language and clarifying language on requirements for maintaining University Honors standing

For the WHC

- Changes to Marine Bio Program: Add CHM 2210 and CHM 2204L as electives
- PSB 4072 H Neurobiology of Mental Illness (new course proposal)
- PUP 3032 H Public Policy Process (new course proposal)
- Changes to Neuroscience and Psychology concentrations (approved)

3) New Business:

From the **Wilkes Honors College** (the approved items will be voted by the WHC later on today; if any changes are made, the UHC will retake those changes at our next meeting):

- HUN 3207 Honors Human Nutrition and Health (new course proposal approved)
- PCB 3840 Honors Intro to Neuroscience (new course proposal approved)
- PCB 3850C Honors Neurobiology Imaging (new course proposal approved)
- Interdisciplinary Health minor (new minor tabled) C. Strain will take questions back to WHC
 - Why 21 credits?
 - Discrepancy between title on form and the description
- Neuroscience minor (new minor proposal approved)
- PCB 4841 Honors Cellular Neuroscience (prerequisite changes approved)
- PSB 3340 Honors Behavioral Neuroscience (prerequisite changes approved)

4) Old business (update):

From Engineering: Honors in Engineering was approved last year, but certain items were not deleted and remained in the catalog's description. The items have been removed, and the information is now correct.

5) Other business

- Announced: Associate Director of Scholars Students Program (email to be sent to UHC members)
- Explore FAU: what should be used for tabling to promote Honors-in-the Major Programs?
- Revision of UHC's manuals (spring 2026 project)
- G. Suárez-Peña: questions about Honors Compacts for WHC
- D. Meeroff: at Steering, changes in Performance-Based Metrics for next year; benchmarks will be university specific (not to SUS); there will be a new simulated score; changes to Gen Ed will not to be reviewed at BOG at 6 Nov. meeting
- MA Leavitt: Light the Night Walk: Meyer Amphitheatre 5:00 p.m. and the walk starting at 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (College of Nursing participating)

Fall 2025 meeting: 21 November

Spring 2026 meetings: 16 January, 13 February, 20 March, 17 April (will send calendar invites for all)

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 am