

**Florida Atlantic University  
University Honors Council**

14 February 2025

8:30-10 am

Remote: Zoom

**Minutes**

**Meeting started at 8:32 am**

**Present:** Shawn Backer, Fred Bloetscher; Maré Cudic; Michael Harrawood; Terje Hill; Mary Ann Leavitt; Eric Levy; Alexandra Schmidt; Patricia Willems. **Excused:** Mary Ann Gosser; Michael Harris; Rebecca Lucatero

**Ex-officio:** Dan Meeroff (Chaired the session); Donna Chamely-Wiik

**Minutes** of 17 January 2025 meeting were approved

**1) UUPC Updates:** (27 January 2025 meeting)

From the WHC (approved)

- Additional Graduation Requirements (add the ASL and FOL prefixes under “Humanities and Social Sciences”)

\* Even if UUPC sends items to Steering within its consent agenda, they can be pulled out and placed on the action agenda. Representatives of colleges with items approved should be present to field questions.

**2) Senate Updates:** (27 January 2025 meeting)

From the WHC (all approved)

- New course: ASL 1140 H Beginning American Sign Language 1
- New course: ASL 1141 H Beginning American Sign Language 2
- Changes to the Environmental Studies and Environmental Science Concentrations and Minor in Environmental Minor
- Changes to the Women’s Studies Concentration and minor

**3) New Business:** (from the WHC)

- FRE 3400 Honors Advanced French Language and Culture 1 - Decrease the number of credits from 4 credits to 3 credits to align with the non-honors version of FRE 3400 offered on the Boca campus (approved)
- Changes to Minor in French (reflect change in FRE 3400 (approved)
- AML 4321 H Major American Writers: 20<sup>th</sup> Century (new course proposal) (approved)
- Changes to American Studies Concentration (add courses) (approved)
- Changes to English Literature Concentration (add course) (approved)
- Changes to the Neuroscience Concentration (approved)
  - add special topics electives with recommendation (accepted by T. Hill) to group the 4930s on the website’s elective list.

✓ Dean Meeroff: the final version of these will change if the honors versions of anatomy and physiology and human dimensions of environmental change are approved by the Board of Governors. If so, an e-vote by the UHC will be called to approve them for the WHC’s Gen Ed curriculum.

✓ A physics faculty member from the WHC needs to meet with Chris Beetle (Boca Physics) about combined BS/MS program and using Honors Compacts to help students complete the accelerated program.

**4) Update from University Honors Program:** 2025 satisfaction survey for UHP students: distributed 14 Feb.

**5) Other business:**

Dean Meeroff: WHC and Boca Gen Ed becoming more similar in terms of Group B offerings.

Mentioned the Gen Ed amendment period in which either one (Boca/WHC) may request versions of Group B classes.

**6) Spring 2025 meetings:** 14 March, 11 April

**Meeting adjourned at 8:52 am**