

**Florida Atlantic University  
University Honors Council**

17 January 2025

8:30-10 am

Remote: Zoom

**Minutes**

**Meeting started at 8:32 am**

**Present:** Fred Bloetscher; Maré Cudic; Michael Harrawood; Michael Harris; Terje Hill; Mary Ann Leavitt; Eric Levy; Rebecca Lucatero; Alexandra Schmidt; Patricia Willems **Excused:** Sigal Rubin

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

**Minutes** of 22 November 2024 meeting were approved

**1) Welcome:** Rebecca Lucatero (Department of Theatre & Dance, DFSCAL) and Terje Hill (Mathematics, WHC)

**2) UUPC Updates:** (2 December 2024 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, and Minor in Environmental Minor
- Changes to the Women's Studies Concentration and minor

**3) Senate Updates:** (2 December 2024 meeting)

- New course: POS 4693 Honors Women, the Workplace, and the Law
- New course proposal: IDS 4897 Honors Interdisciplinary Capstone Research
- Changes to the Mathematics Concentration
- Changes to the Law and Society Concentration
- Changes to the Political Science Concentration
- Changes to the Women's Studies Concentration and minor

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

- Approved: Additions to the WHC Additional Graduation Requirements (add the ASL and FOL prefixes under "Distinct Humanities Disciplines")

After discussion, committee decided that only changes to catalog need to be action items. Changes to their website (to help their faculty when advising) shall be sent as information items for the committee. Therefore, the committee voted to have the WHC resubmit the changes to the Neuroscience Concentration accordingly. T. Hill will reach out to M. Jennings (Registrar) for guidance as to how best to present their lists of 4930 courses.

**5) The draft for the satisfaction survey for UHP students (Spring 2025) from the University Honors Program was discussed and important suggestions made:**

- separate helpfulness into "people," required items, and general items
- add a "rate level of importance" question
- add examples/explanations for other sorts of classes to be offered
- add a question about courses fulfilling expectations
- add a question: If you could start over again, would you enroll in UHP?

**6) Other business:** Dean Meeroff's update on Gen Ed's final approval (30 Jan 2025); the amendment period runs 31 Jan. to 14 Feb. 2025; time to review what was approved of other SUS institutions (only posted 1 or 2 days before), so FAU can request for them to be approved as well (e.g., LAH 2000 or foreign languages to be part of the gen ed requirement and count for grad requirement as well)

**7) Spring 2025 meetings:** 14 February, 14 March, 11 April

**Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am**