

**Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council**

29 August 2025

8:30-10 am

Remote: Zoom

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:31 am

Present: Shawn Backer, Fred Bloetscher; Maré Cudic; Michael Harrawood; Michael Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Alexandra Schmidt; Chris Strain; Gretchen Suárez-Peña; Patricia Willems

Excused: Eric Levy

Guests: Anthony Ambrosio; Andrea Morlini

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

Minutes of 11 April 2025 meeting were approved

Welcome: Gretchen Suárez-Peña (Theater and Dance) and **welcome back:** Chris Strain (WHC)

1) UUPC Updates: (21 April 2025 meeting) All from the WHC (approved):

- ANT 2100 H Introduction to Archeology (new course and add to Gen Ed for fall 2026)
- POS 2692 H Punishment (change prefix, number, title, and description to CCJ 2002 H Law, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System, add to Gen Ed for fall 2025)
- POT 2002 H Introduction to Political Theory (new and add to Gen Ed for fall 2026)

2) Senate Updates: (21 April 2025 meeting) (approved)

- Changes to the Honors in Nursing program: New admission criteria to the program revised: change the required course, NUR 4165—no longer taught—to NUR 4937 RI + add an interview

3) New Business: From University Honors Program

- A. Morlini presented the results of the Spring 2025 UHP satisfaction survey (ASI)
- MA Gosser presented draft survey for Fall 2025 and reasons for changing its distribution date to fall. Will send via email for a vote with addition of Undergraduate Research/Vertical Integration to question 8 (co-curricular activities).
- And changes and updates to Catalog's entry for the UHP were approved with minor edits and question to Registrar re "definition of overall GPA" (they are refining GPA terms)

From Wilkes Honors College (C. Strain) all items were approved

- Changes to Marine Bio Program: Add CHM 2210 and CHM 2204L as electives
- PSB 4072 H Neurobio of Mental Illness (new course) AI option needs to be selected
- PUP 3032 H Public Policy Process (new course) AI option needs to be selected
- Changes to Neuroscience and Psychology concentrations (add PSB 4072)

4) Other business

- Report on UHP completed: Spring 25: 32 (19 last spring) / Summer 25: 4 (2 last summer)
- Report on HIM completed: Spring 25: 47; Summer 25: 13
- Shared spreadsheet with current information on HIMs that will be used by Admissions for recruitment. Nursing information needs updating.
- Dean Meeroff will be chairing our next meeting on 26 September. Need items earlier to set agenda. Certain WHC Gen Ed courses need to be terminated because they have not been taught in 10 years. Encourage UHC to share information with their colleges and grow number of HIM to all majors.

5) Fall 2025 meetings: 26 September, 24 October, 21 November

Spring 2026 meetings: 16 January, 13 February, 20 March, 17 April

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am