

Florida Atlantic University
University Honors Council

20 January 2023

8:30-10 am

Remote: Cisco Webex

Minutes

Meeting started at 8:31 am

Present: Nich Baima; Fred Bloetscher; Maré Cudic; Seth Fallik; Mike Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Eric Levy; Michelle Papania; Annina Ruest; Patricia Willems

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

Excused: Rachel Corr

Minutes of 18 November 2022 meeting were approved

Welcome: Annina Ruest (WHC); and **Welcome back:** Mary Ann Leavitt (Nursing)

1) UUPC Updates: (5 December 2022 meeting)

- ECO 2023: RI H Microeconomics Principles (RI designation was approved)
- Updates to the Transdisciplinary Visual Arts concentration at the WHC were approved
- FAU Max Planck Honors Program (College of Science and WHC)
 - Approved: Expand eligibility to include students who pursue the Medical Biology BS degree
 - Approved: PSB 4114 H advanced Life Science Technologies (new course)

2) Senate Updates: (5 December 2022 meeting)

- FAU Max Planck Honors Program (College of Science and WHC)
 - Approved: Expand eligibility to include students who pursue the Medical Biology BS degree
 - Approved: PSB 4114 H advanced Life Science Technologies (new course)
- Program change to BA in Biological Sciences will include SLS 1501 H Introduction to Academic Life
- Graduate courses may count for Honors-in-the Major programs

3) Information business: The courses were presented to the Council (no change in the number of credits—no need to vote)

- EUH 2341 H Twentieth-Century Europe (WHC) to be added to their IFP core in Society and Human Behavior (B)
- Add ECO 4223 Money and Financial Markets (Boca) as an elective in the WHC's Economics concentration

- Reminder to the WHC representatives to send the signed forms and changes to catalog to UUPC

4) Draft for criteria for Honors faculty. The following points/issues were addressed:

- Pay attention to language to avoid exclusion of those who may not have had an honors undergraduate experience
- How would these criteria apply to those teaching in upper-division honors programs?
To develop narrow honors faculty criteria may undermine current upper-division honors programs
- Status of request to pursue a 4-years honors program in Boca?
- Acknowledge and incorporate research and faculty mentoring honors thesis
- Take a look at the Graduate College's credentialing graduate faculty
- Use language, such as "when appropriate," or "if appropriate" to recognize various honors programs at FAU and differences between them in terms of organization

5) UHP Survey: Seth Fallik, Mary Ann Leavitt, Michelle Papania, Mike Harris volunteered to participate in a test run in the coming weeks (before we send it to UHP students).

6) Spring 2023 meetings: 17 February, 17 March, 14 April

Adjourned at 9:07 am.