

Florida Atlantic University  
University Honors Council

15 April 2022

8:30-10 am

Remote: Cisco Webex

Minutes

**Meeting started at 8:34 am**

**Present:** Nicholas Baima, Allan Barsky; Fred Bloetscher [L]; Maré Cudic; Mike Harris; Mary Ann Leavitt; Eric Levy, Michelle Papania, Gerard Sim [L]

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

**Excused:** Michael Harrawood

Minutes of 18 March 2022 meeting were approved

**1) UUPC Updates: (28 March 2022 meeting)**

- Approved for the WHC: Business Concentration: eliminate 2 writing courses, substitute with an elective, and reduce credit hours from 53 to 52
- Approved for the WHC: Economics Concentration: eliminate 2 writing courses, substitute with an elective, and reduce credit hours from 50 to 49

**2) Senate Updates: (28 March 2022 meeting) No UHC business at the meeting**

**3) New information items:**

- N. Baima discussed the proposed changes to the electives (additions/deletions) of the WHC's Concentration in Biology. He made note that 4930 (Special Topics) courses taught more than three times, need to be proposed as new courses for inclusion in the catalog.

**4) Old Business: (Updates re)**

- CoE&CS's proposal for a 4-years Honors program.
  - Approved by its College's GPC
  - We (UHC) are on the agenda (times/dates TBA in case anyone wants to join) for both the August meetings of the UGPC and the UGC to consider the following requests: "that all graduate courses can be considered as honor courses [electives—he added] for students in both honors-in-the-major programs and the to-be-developed 4-yr Honors Program on the Boca Campus"
    - 1) Dr. Stackman noted that the policy of accepting graduate courses was making its way through faculty governance and it states that faculty approval is required.
    - 2) an issue to consider: that undergraduates taking graduate courses are charged graduate tuition. So, undergraduates would need to be informed/reminded that there is an increased tuition cost if they choose to register for graduate courses to meet UHC elective requirements
  - Suggestions: to have a written explanation as to why the UHC is seeking a clear policy; explain it is not about double-dipping (undergraduate/graduate courses).
- **Registrars:** shared the list of all RES coded courses (including DIRs) and a copy of an official transcript noting how the Honors Compacts get noted + where the Honors-in-the-Major notation gets noted (top left)
- Focus group with UHP students took place last week; UHP is also working on a survey for its students.
- MAGE will work with Dean Meeroff to set up an in-person meeting with Dean Perry (and his leadership team) to talk about the 4-years honors program for the Boca campus.

**5) Meetings next year:** Dean Meeroff provided the Senate's meeting dates (9/12; 10/10; 11/7; 12/5; 1/30; 2/27; 3/27; 4/24) so UHC's 2022-2023 dates can be set.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:51 am**