

Memorandum

TO: FAU Faculty

FROM: John Pritchett, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer 

DATE: April 2, 2007

SUBJECT: University Honors Council and University Honors Faculty Fellows Program

I am pleased to announce to faculty members an exciting opportunity to participate in the new University Honors Faculty Fellows Program.

Earlier this year I appointed a task force to study how honors education at FAU could be enhanced, particularly through greater connection and cooperation among the Honors College, the University Scholars Program, and undergraduate and graduate programs at the various FAU campuses. Among the recommendations made by the task force were the creation of a University Honors Council and a University Honors Faculty Fellows Program. The Honors Council will coordinate the development of honors education at FAU and administer the Honors Faculty Fellows Program.

University Honors Faculty Fellows are full-time members of the faculty who develop and teach a one-semester undergraduate honors seminar as part of their regular assignment either in the University Scholars Program or in the Honors College at Jupiter.

- Faculty members on any campus can apply to teach a seminar either in the University Scholars Program at the Boca campus or at the Honors College in Jupiter.
- Honors College faculty members can apply to teach an honors seminar in the University Scholars Program at the Boca Raton campus.

Faculty members who have been selected as University Honors Faculty Fellows will receive \$1,500 to support their research, scholarship, or creative activity. An additional \$500

allowance will be provided as either travel funding if inter-campus travel is required or as reimbursement to the faculty's department for course expenses.

In addition, \$5,000 will be provided to the Fellow's academic department either to defray replacement costs or for other departmental uses.

The content of the honors seminars will be developed by Honors Fellows. Each seminar offers an excellent opportunity to introduce students to the broad range of thought and work that exists within specific disciplines and across disciplines. Honors seminars are not simply smaller versions of existing courses, but rather encourage students to see the relationship among disciplines, to think critically and creatively, and to build on their already excellent skills at communication. Moreover, these seminars allow faculty an excellent opportunity to develop new course ideas and teaching strategies.

The University Honors Council is now taking applications for University Honors Faculty Fellows for the Spring 2008 semester.

I feel that this is an excellent opportunity to enhance FAU's teaching mission and attract high ability students to the University. I encourage all faculty members to consider participating in this program.

For further information or to receive application materials to become a University Honors Fellow contact either Fred Fejes(fejes@fau.edu; 7-3858) or Jeff Buller (jbuller@fau.edu; 6-8579).