

University Honors Council
Florida Atlantic University
Minutes
24 March 2014
GS 214 B / HC 130

Present: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Cynthia Blum; Ken Dawson-Scully; Mirya Holman; William Kalies; Chris Strain

Guests: Drs. Clifford Brown, Patty Kirsch, and Markus Schmidmeier

Meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.

- 1) MA Gosser showed the various cords (double and knotted silver). Vote was postponed.
- 2) The minutes of our February 17th meeting were approved.
- 3) The Honors in Anthropology was approved as presented and will now go to UUPC.
- 4) The committee discussed the proposal to add a change of a thesis course to a DIS course to the end of section 2 of the "Florida Atlantic University Honors Curriculum Manual." The Schmidt College of Science allows their students to complete a limited number of DIS credits, so this proposal is not possible as worded. As an alternative, in such departments, we discussed proposing new courses with perhaps the following title: Research and Inquiry course.

It was also recommended that it should also be an "approved" elective in the departments which offer Honors programs.

Another question arose as to what degree would an Honors College student who opted for this change receive in the end and how this change would appear on their transcripts. Pending further clarifications by Deans Buller and Pratt and a rewording of the proposal, the committee opted to table it.

- 5) Discussion of the appeals process for students in Compact courses was tabled until our next meeting.
- 6) The committee discussed the proposal for a revised Honors in Mathematical Sciences program. The committee voted to approve the proposal pending revisions that emphasized how a student's research would be disseminated (where would it be presented) and ensure that all capstone experience options had such a requirement clearly stipulated. The committee will reaffirm the approval once the proposal is resent and reviewed by the UHC members by March 28th.
- 7) Similarly, the committee discussed the proposal for an Honors in Elementary Education program. The committee voted to approve the proposal pending revisions that included the clarification (under Selection criteria for admission section) of who would constitute the admissions' committee; and to add to the required research project (capstone experience) another one of the options which focused on disseminating the research findings. The committee will reaffirm the approval once the proposal is resent and reviewed by the UHC members by March 28th.

7) POS 4972 was not ready for our consideration.

8) Meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Gosser