16 January 2015 8:30-10 am Boca – GS 214B and Jupiter – SR 270

: Mary Ann Gosser (Chair); Cynthia Blum; Charles Dukes; Diana Mitsova; Zhixiao Xie; Ali Zilouchian *Ex officio*: Ed Pratt; Donna Chamely-Wiik

: Ms. Joanne Parandjuk (Library), Dr. Clevis Headley (Philosophy)

approved with no corrections

Zhixiao Xie (Geosciences Department) and representative from the Schmidt College of Science

- a) UHC's amendment to the Honors Compact and its application form were approved and were sent to Senate's 23 January meeting
- b) UHC's proposal regarding converting honors thesis credits to research ones was withdrawn by MAGE, prior to a negative vote by the Steering committee

presented the new digital archiving site for honors capstone projects in the library's digital collection. The following are the links from which to access the collection:

- a) HIM Collection in the Top Level of FAU Digital Collections https://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3Aroot
- b) Collection Content page https://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3Ahim
- c) To view All Content page that provides facets to drill down searching in the collection (when we have more items) https://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3Ahim
- d) Item Summary page https://fau.digital.flvc.org/islandora/object/fau%3A17038
- e) and from the full description there is a permanent URL that students, faculty, readers can copy and include in References, Travel Grants, Grad school applications, CVs etc.: http://purl.flvc.org/fau/fd/FA00003903

Honors in Philosophy (The committee discussed the proposal for this new honors program and offered advice on which items need clarification, corrections, further development, or where the committee had found discrepancies. The committee did not vote on the proposal but asked Dr. Headley to take it back to his department in order to revise it and resubmit it. The committee is fully supportive of the overall proposed Honors in Philosophy program.

Suggestions included the following: enhance notion of student enhancement (is there a Philosophy Club and hence could ask students to be part of leadership in the club; clarify the prior semester's experience and differentiate from the honors thesis one; build on PHI 4938 coursework; clarify how other faculty members would be consulted; create a clear application form (see models in other Honors in the Major Programs).

FAU Boca is now a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council which offers undergraduate honor students and faculty mentors the possibility of sending proposals to their national conference in order to present their research. http://nchchonors.org/

The conference of the

will be held March 31st-April 2nd in Orlando.

Mary Ann will send the following information to the deans: SG funding, e-archiving of Honors Capstone projects in the library and the National Collegiate Honors Council membership and conference information.

Based on an NSF grant (set of questions) she raised the issue of what are FAU's ethics politics or standards in general, in Honors in the Major programs? Who is responsible for ensuring theses are compliant? Should we develop a policy with a required signature stating that requirements were met?

at 9:55 am

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Gosser