

University Honors Committee Minutes

February 15, 2019

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Burnett Honors College room 130

Meeting called to order at 3 pm by chair and Burnett Honors College Dean Sheila Gutierrez de Piñeres. A quorum of the committee was confirmed.

Founder’s Day HIM Thesis Awards

The UHC, working in two subcommittees, selected the following students for recognition for outstanding HIM thesis:

Social Sciences, Business and Education

Sarah Davenport, Anthropology, Chaired by Dr. Joanna Mishtal

Whose Sustainability? An Analysis of a Community Farming Program’s Food Justice and Environmental Sustainability Agenda

Engineering and Technology

Bejan Ghomashi, Physics, Chaired by Dr. Luca Argenti

Natural and Health Sciences

Christine Nguyen, Biomedical Sciences, Chaired by Dr. Antonis Zervos

Characterizing the Function of the N-Terminal Domain of Omi/HtrA2

Arts, Humanities and Creative Inquiry

Komysha Hassan, Writing and Rhetoric, Chaired by Steffen Guenzel

Bursting the Filter Bubble: Information Literacy and Questions of Valuation, Navigation, and Control in a Digital Landscape

Honors Interdisciplinary Seminars Proposal

After a presentation and Q&A with Dr. Ilenia Colon and Dr. Martha Garcia, the UHC approved their Honors seminar, “Spanish Golden Age Art and Literature.”

After a presentation by conference call and Q&A with Dr. Ann Gleig, the UHC approved her seminar, “Sex and the Sacred: Religion, Gender & Sexuality.”

After reviewing Dr. Tison Pugh's written response to the UHC, the committee voted not to approve his seminar, "Literary Gaming."

Closing Remarks

Dean Piñeres thanked all in attendance for their contributions. The meeting was called to a close at 4:30 pm.