

**University Honors Committee Agenda**  
**October 20, 2016**

- 1. Welcome and introductions**
- 2. TBHC updates**

University Honors

FTIC (N = 508) SAT = 1408 and HS GPA = 4.40  
76 NMS, 12 NHS, and 133 Provosts Scholars  
1,690 active Honors students

Honors in the Major

82 New HIM students enrolled in Fall 2016  
134 HIM students graduated in AY 2014-15

- 3. Honors in the Major**

Scholarships:

Fall 2016 – submission deadline for students: October 16, 2016

Fall 2016 – submission deadline for HIM Coordinators/review committee to return recipient list/letters to Honors: October 30, 2016

Spring 2017 – submission deadline for students: February 19, 2017

Spring 2017 – submission deadline for HIM Coordinators/review committee to return recipient list/letters to Honors: March 4, 2016

New HIM thesis committee guidelines (effective January 2017):

Thesis Chair

The HIM thesis chair must be a UCF tenured or tenure-earning faculty member and a subject matter expert in the major of which the student is applying for the Honors in the Major program. \*Exceptions may apply to students from departments or colleges with grandfathered agreements (i.e., Legal Studies, Nursing, and Regional Campuses).

Thesis Committee members

The Honors in the major program requires that at least one additional person serve on the thesis committee. The additional member can be selected from within or outside of the major. The committee member must hold a terminal degree and/or be a subject matter expert in the field of the student's HIM thesis. \*Exceptions may apply upon the recommendation of the Department Chair to the Dean of TBHC. The Department Chair would be required to provide a justification statement explaining why the proposed committee member should be considered to serve on the thesis committee. The

recommendation and justification statement along with a copy of the proposed committee member's CV should be submitted to the Dean of TBHC for final review and approval.

#### **4. Review of seven Honors interdisciplinary seminar proposals**

Instructions for accessing seminar proposals:

All materials to be evaluated can be accessed using your NID and password on this secure website: <https://uhc.honors.ucf.edu/>

Please do not share the material found on this website with others as personal information is included in the proposals. You can locate "seminar proposals" by using the menu links on the left side of the webpage. Let me know if you have any questions about navigating this site. The attached spreadsheet is for your use and will not be collected.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting which is scheduled from 3:30-5pm on October 7 in the Honors conference room. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me if any questions arise.

**University Honors Committee**  
**Minutes of October 7, 2016 Meeting**

The UHC reviewed seven seminar proposals and made the following recommendations:

Approved:

Buddha's Brain

Fairy Tales

Superheroes

Revise and Resubmit:

Meaningful Play

Spanish Communication for Health Care

Decline:

IDS 3933H—Cornerstone in Interdisciplinary Studies

IDS 4934H—Capstone in Interdisciplinary Studies

Our next meeting will be in mid-February (date tba). Thanks for all of your support.

Dear UHC Members,

Our spring 2017 meeting will be held from 3:30-5pm on February 17 in the Honors Conference Room. We have two **agenda items**:

- 1) Evaluation of two Honors Interdisciplinary seminar proposals:

IDH 3930H: Nanotechnology 101 for Engineering Majors

IDH 3930H: Nanotechnology 101 for Chemical/Life Sciences Majors

- 2) Selection of four Founders' Day HIM thesis awards (one award in each category):

Arts and Humanities (3 nominees)

Health and Physical Science (1 nominee)

Sciences and Engineering (2 nominees)

Social Sciences, Business, and Education (5 nominees)

To reduce the amount of theses that need to be read by each UHC member, I suggest splitting the work load. Specifically, if your LAST NAME starts with A-K, please evaluate the five theses in the category Social Sciences, Business, and Education. If your LAST NAME starts with L-Z, please evaluate the remaining six theses.

All materials (seminar proposals and HIM theses) can be accessed at this secure website with you NID and password: <https://uhc.honors.ucf.edu/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fadmin>. In addition, you will find HIM theses rating forms that you can complete and bring to the UHC meeting for discussion. (There are no rating forms for the seminar proposals since there are only two submissions).

Student members of the UHC will vote on the interdisciplinary seminar proposals, but will be recused from evaluating HIM theses. I will bring printed copies of all materials to our meeting. Let me know if you have any questions about this process.

Thanks for your support.

February 20, 2017

Dear UHC Colleageaues,

Thanks for sending me your evaluations/ratings for the Founders' Day HIM Thesis Awards and for your recommendations regarding the two Nanotech seminar proposals. On the basis of your feedback, the following HIM theses will be recognized on Founders' Day:

Social Sciences, Business, and Education

Bradley Caoutte (four 1st place votes and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place vote)

Arts and Humanities

Michael Scimeca (three 1<sup>st</sup> place votes and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place vote)

Sciences and Engineering

Jessica Chambers (three 1st place votes and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place vote)

Health and Physical Sciences

Chelsea Hughes (average of five ratings was 9)

Regarding the two Nanotech seminar proposals, the UHC consensus was to revise and resubmit. Among your concerns were:

The necessity of having two similar seminars.

A dated textbook (2007).

The necessity of having six instructors and inviting guest speakers from other disciplines such as Physics and the life sciences.

Clarify the nature of Honors content.

Greater clarity on the five-page essay template.

Do let me know if you have any questions about these items. Again, thanks for your support.