

**University Graduate Council (UGC)
Florida Atlantic University**

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

2:00 p.m.

Student Support Services Building, SU 80, Rm. 223

Present: Aloha Balza, GPSA; Doug Broadfield, Arts & Letters; Elwood Hamlin, II, CDSI; William McDaniel, Business; David Newman, Nursing; Paul Peluso, Education and UGC Chair; Charles Roberts, Science; Jason Robison, GPSA; Rachel Santos, CDSI; Zhixiao Xie, Science; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering

Others Present: Deborah Floyd - Interim Dean, Graduate College; Susan Fulks - Associate Dean, Graduate College; Other Graduate College staff attending: Nancy Diamond, Admissions/Registrar Officer; Althia Ellis, Assistant to the Dean

Absent: Chris Beetle, Science; Ken Johnson, Business; Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi, Medicine; William Rhodes, Engineering and Computer Science

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Dr. Paul Peluso.

I. Call to Order and Sign In

II. Dr. Gary Perry, University Provost's Address

III. Approval of Agenda (distributed in advance)

IV. Approve Minutes from the October 15, 2014 meeting (attached and distributed in advance)
The minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

V. President and Provost Visit to UGC 11/13/14

President Kelly and Provost Perry will meet with the UGC on 11/13/14. In preparation for the meeting, the Graduate College staff has prepared a briefing document to provide the President, Provost, and faculty with data, such as useful facts, enrollment, colleges and programs, challenges and opportunities.

VI. Report and Recommendations from the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC)

1) **Curriculum** – recommendations for approval prior to forwarding to University Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Refer to the UGPC website for specific details about the courses and proposals.

- i. The Council approved the recommendations of the University Graduate Programs Committee.

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1. Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters:

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
MUN 6018	Advanced Commercial Music Ensemble	1		

2. Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
PCB 6063	Advanced Molecular and Cellular Biology	3		

3. Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
NGR 7743L	Residency in Advanced Practice Nursing	3		

4. Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
Program Change	Doctor of Philosophy Integrative Biology	N/A		
OCE 6267	Underwater Optical Imaging for Marine Scientists	3		
BSC 5038L	Advanced Genetics Lab	3		
BSC 5029	Advanced Molecular Genetics of Aging	3		
BSC 6170	Human Neuroanatomy	3		
BSC 6389L	Advanced Neurophysiology Lab	3		
BSC 5417C	Practical Cell Neuroscience	3		
PCB 5835C	Neurophysiology	3		
BOT 6736C	Advanced Plant Biotechnology	3		

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1. Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
TSL 6252	Applied Linguistics and TESOL	3		

2) **Other** - any matters regarding curriculum the UGPC wishes to discuss.

VII. Dr. Daniel Raviv's Email

Dr. Raviv's email to Provost Perry led to a discussion on conditional admissions. When students are conditionally admitted to a graduate program, and they don't fulfill the

conditions for admissions, they are not allowed to continue in the program. This process places international students at an extreme disadvantage as they now have to return to their home countries. There is no policy in place about how to consistently handle such students. Item 10 of the draft Administrative Procedure for Conditional Admission cites language that attempts to remedy the problem. This issue will be discussed further at the January meeting of the UGC.

VIII. Interim Graduate Dean's Report

1) CampusClarity Notification

In providing a safe environment for the FAU community, faculty members, students, and staff are required to complete the on-line course entitled "Eliminating Campus Sexual Violence." The course must be completed prior to January 16, 2015.

2) Dissertation and Turnitin Requirements (Julie Farkas)

Julie Farkas gave a presentation on Turnitin, a plagiarism detection software and a resource for academic integrity and originality. Graduate students will be able to conduct self-checks of their theses or dissertations or their thesis/dissertation Committee Chairs may create Turnitin assignments through Blackboard.

At the time of their defense, students must obtain signatures from their Committee Chairs for the thesis/dissertation transmittal memo to confirm that their work has been checked for plagiarism. Soft implementation of the program is scheduled for spring and summer 2015; it will be mandatory in fall 2015.

The Council expressed support of the initiative, including the roll-out timeline and the transmittal process.

3) Clarification on Minimum Requirements to Teach

The credentialing policy for FAU faculty was discussed. Committee members agreed that the credentialing language is insufficient and that there has been some relaxing of alternate credentialing rules. The minimum requirements will be posted on the UGC web page on the Graduate College website. Faculty should use the form on the website to ensure they are using the most up-to-date form.

IX. Old Business from the October 15th meeting

1) State College Baccalaureate Programs

2) Council of Graduate Schools (Resolution regarding graduate scholars, fellows, trainees, and assistants)

3) Library Requirements for Manuscript Copies and Binding Fees

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made to suspend the remaining agenda items (IX) until the next meeting of the UGC. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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