

Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee
Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015
Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees

Members Present: Joy Longo, Michael DeDonno, Allen Smith, Dan Meeroff, Elizabeth Swanstrom, Tobin Hindle, Sharon Darling; Sherryl Muriente (via phone)

Others Present: Edward Pratt, Donna Chamely-Wiik, Rachel Messer, and Julie Earles (via videoconference),

II. Minutes

1. Approval of October 1, 2015 meeting minutes—sent electronically prior to meeting
 - a. Lisa Swanstrom- motion to approve minutes
 - b. Dan Meeroff- second

III. Document Review

2. RI document has been sent to UUPC. Donna Chamely-Wiik will present to UUPC.
 - a. RI document was reviewed by UHC. It is strongly supported by the UHC to complement HON components.
 - i. At the UUPC meeting, RI and HON differences will be articulated (e.g., HON and research are not the same, wider pool of students reached).
 - ii. HON courses eligible for RI grandfathering will be reviewed at a later date
 - b. Any courses at FAU with “research” in the title were collected to be reviewed for potential automatic RI designation.
 - i. 4970 courses and capstone courses will be targeted first. Liaisons will target other courses that would definitely qualify for RI designation, and review SWOT analysis for this info.
3. Directed Independent Research (DIR) is being increasingly supported throughout the university.
 - a. Donna Chamely-Wiik presented DIR to the recent Council of Deans meeting. Deans agreed to take DIR proposal to curriculum and executive committees, with college liaisons sending follow-up emails of support. Deans must endorse list of prefixes for DIR before UUPC meeting.
 - i. Colleges should provide a comprehensive prefix list of what courses should be considered DIR.
 - One application will be submitted for all proposed courses for DIR. However, faculty can also put DIR courses into motion.
 - DIR will be 0-6 credits, and grading schemes will lie within departments.

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- Departments will make final DIR decisions and the Honor Code will be employed.
 - DIR titles will follow same guidelines as normal courses.
 - Definition of DIR from DIS will be decided by departments and does not need to be reported beyond the department. Emphasis to use DIR should be reminded/emphasized each semester.
- b. Donna Chamely-Wiik will send summary of examples from various departments to give colleges an idea of how to structure it.
- i. Will also check with Registrar regarding letter grade and pass-fail course numbers, as well as if DIS courses will need to be changed post-DIR implementation. It is possible that DIR could apply towards DIS major requirements.
 - ii. Will send liaisons latest FAIR language regarding undergraduate mentoring.

IV. Timeline Review

4. November 6th will be UUPC presentation and feedback.
5. November 24th will be Steering committee presentation and feedback.
6. December 4th will be Senate presentation and feedback/approval.

V. Other Business

5. Donna Chamely-Wiik discussed URI buildout at meeting with Provost. Future vision includes expanding the Undergraduate Research Grants program, tracking students more efficiently, and implementing RI designation.
6. Slight change to RI document will be made: 50% of grade will be changed to “significant portion” of grade when mentioning research-related grades. Departments’ discretion regarding portion of grading to be considered.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting Schedule for Fall 2015 (all meetings 11am-12pm for faculty liaisons and 12pm-1pm for URCC):

Nov. 19

Dec. TBD