

Florida Atlantic University
University Graduate Council (UGC)
Minutes
September 10, 2014

Present: Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Aloha Balza, GPSA; Ramon Garcia-Areas, GPSA; David Newman, Nursing; Elwood Hamlin, II, CDSI; William McDaniels, Business; Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi, Paul Peluso, Education and UGC Chair; Charles Roberts, Engineering; Jason Robison, GPSA; John Smykla, CDSI; Zhixiao Xie, Science; Ken Johnson, Business; William Rhodes, Engineering

Others Present: Dr. 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; Jamonique Harrison, Academic Project Assistant

Absent: Chris Beetle, Science; Doug Broadfield, Arts & Letters; William Rhodes, Engineering

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. Deborah Floyd.

I. Call to Order and Sign In and Introductions

Dr. Deborah Floyd, Interim Dean of Graduate College (assuming the role of Chair until one was elected), Council Members, and Guests

II. Review and Approve Agenda (distributed in advance).

The agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

III. Approval of Minutes

The UGC meeting notes of April 2, 2014 were unanimously approved by the Council.

IV. Election of UGC Chair for 2014-15

The Council elected Paul Peluso as UGC Chair for 2014-15.

V. Graduate Research and Inquiry Program (G.R.I.P.) Presentation

Ramon Garcia-Areas, GPSA representative, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Graduate Research and Inquiry program (G.R.I.P.). The GPSA is requesting funds to support graduate students from all disciplines to participate in independent research in collaboration with FAU faculty. The GPSA is proposing the creation of three funding awards:

1. Individual Research Grant Awards (up to \$1,000)
2. Individual Research Grant Awards to support external funding applications (up to \$1,500)
3. Team Project Awards (up to \$4,000)

The projected award fund for the 2014-15 academic year is \$60,000.

Action: A motion was made for the Council to support the proposal for the funding of the G.R.I.P. Results of the vote were 9 – Aye and 2 - Nay.

After further discussion on the implementation of the plan, the motion was revised to seek support of the proposal to fund only the individual part - Individual Research Grant Awards (up to \$1,000). The vote of the Council was unanimous.

VI. Task Force on Graduate Student Life

The need to develop an inventory of activities/programs in support of graduate student life at FAU has prompted the creation of a task force chaired by Susan Fulks and Dr. Larry Faerman. A call was made for additional volunteers to serve on the task force. Dr. Paul Peluso volunteered.

VII. Report and Recommendations from the University Graduate Programs Committee.

Action: A motion was made to accept the consent agenda. Consent and Action Agendas were approved unanimously by the Council. Items will move forward to the Steering Committee.

Consent Agenda

University Graduate Programs Committee: Consent Agenda- September 3, 2014

1. College for Design and Social Inquiry

| Course | Title | Credit | Action | Recommendation from Steering |
|--------------------------|---|--------|--------|------------------------------|
| SOW 6532 | Field Education and Integrative Seminar I | 3 | | |

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

| Course | Title | Credit | Action | Recommendation from Steering |
|--------------------------|--|--------|--------|------------------------------|
| SYO 6035 | Seminar in Microsociology | N/A | | |
| SYO 6107 | Seminar in Sociology of Families in the U.S. | N/A | | |
| SYA 6117 | Critical Perspectives in Social Theory | N/A | | |
| SYA 6126 | Seminar in Contemporary Social Theory | N/A | | |
| SYO 6205 | Seminar in the Sociology of Religion | N/A | | |
| SYA 6305 | Seminar in Advanced Research Methods | N/A | | |
| SYA 6315 | Seminar in Advanced Qualitative Methods | N/A | | |
| SYO 6335 | State, Economy and Society | N/A | | |
| SYD 6809 | Seminar in Gender Issues | N/A | | |

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| SYO 6739 | Seminar in Sociology of Aging and Dying | N/A | | |
| SYD 6705 | Seminar in Race and Ethnic Relations | N/A | | |
| SYO 6657 | Seminar in the Sociology of Sport | N/A | | |
| SYO 6535 | Seminar in Class, Status and Power | N/A | | |
| SYD 6517 | Seminar in Global Environmental Perspectives | N/A | | |
| SYO 6505 | Seminar in Social Organization | N/A | | |
| SYD 6426 | Seminar in Organization | N/A | | |
| SYD 6934 | Special Topics | N/A | | |
| WST 6306 | Women, Myth and Reality | N/A | | |
| MUN 6445 | Graduate Concert Percussion Performance Ensemble | N/A | | |

3. College of Education

| Course | Title | Credit | Action | Recommendation from Steering |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| EDF 6887 | Foundations of Multicultural Curricula | N/A | | |
| EDG 5705 | Multicultural Education | N/A | | |
| EDA 6941 | Internship/Exchange | N/A | | |

4. Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

| | Title | Credit | Action | Recommendation from Steering |
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| NGR 7111 | Evolution of Nursing as a Discipline and Practice | 3 | | |
| NGR 7815 | Qualitative Research Methods 1 | 3 | | |
| NGR 7846 | Statistical Methods for Nursing Science | 3 | | |
| NGR 7709 | The Life of Scholarship | 3 | | |
| NGR 7818 | Nursing Research: Applied Quantitative Design and Methods | 3 | | |
| NGR 7932 | Doctoral Seminar in Knowledge Development 1 | 1 | | |
| NGR 7934 | Doctoral Seminar in Knowledge Development 2 | 1 | | |

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| NGR 7936 | Doctoral Seminar in Knowledge Development 3 | 1 | | |
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Action Agenda

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5. College of Education

| | Title | Credit | Action | Recommendation from Steering |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Program Change | School Leaders K-12 Concentration (with Certification) | N/A | Change | |

VIII. Fall Graduation Deadlines

The Registrar is relaxing the deadline for undergraduate students to apply for graduation. The deadline has been extended to September 5, 2014. The thesis and dissertation deadlines have not changed. The Graduate College has assigned an additional reviewer to help expedite the thesis and dissertation process.

IX. Interim Graduate Dean's Report

A message from the Interim Dean was distributed to graduate faculty on September 18, 2014. Some faculty members did not receive the letter. Academic deans must submit to the Graduate College a list of newly appointed faculty so that everyone can receive appropriate correspondence.

The Graduate College is rolling out a new website, which will be more user-friendly

- a. The website will be enhanced to provide sections on research, new dissertation guidelines, plagiarism, and other topics.
- b. The Graduate College newsletter, Grad Talk, will be replaced by a new electronic publication. The new newsletter will be launched at the end of September and will be distributed monthly to everyone. This will increase transparency with news coming out of the Graduate College. A name will be selected for the new newsletter very soon.

X. Announcements

None

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

