

**Florida Atlantic University  
University Graduate Council  
Minutes  
January 18, 2012**

**Present:** Deborah Floyd, Education; Ronald Nyhan, CDSI; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Charles Roberts, Science; Elwood Hamlin II, CDSI; Nancy Poulson, Arts & Letters; William Rhodes, Engineering; LaTasha Lee, GSA; David Newman, Nursing; Allen Smith, Business

**Absent:** Massimo Caputi, Biomedical Science; Kim Dunn, Business; Xupei Huang, Biomedical Science; Valerie Bryan, Education

**Others Present:** Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Barbara Bebergal, Graduate College; Elisa Gaucher, Research Integrity; Paige Garrido, Graduate College

**The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Nyhan.**

**I. Approval of Agenda for January 18 2012 meeting.**

The agenda was approved unanimously by the council.

**II. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2011 meeting.**

The minutes were unanimously approved by the council.

**III. Consent Agenda for UGPC recommendations to USF Steering.**

It was unanimously approved by the council.

**IV. New Business**

**a. RCR Workshops.**

Nyhan thanked Miguel and Graduate College for posting codes.

Rosson described the need for the RCR workshops. Gaucher said there has been poor attendance. Discussion ensued as to how to encourage better attendance. Some ideas were block of workshops or lunch hour workshops. Lee suggested Friday workshops. Paulson suggested one day marathon before classes begin.

Rosson liked the all day block targeting students receiving funding, PhD students and Masters with Thesis.

The council should review with their colleges telling them that the UGC wishes to make the workshops mandatory for the target groups and bring back a consensus.

- b. Council was asked to email Nyhan with initiatives for helping improve education for graduate students. Lee suggested funding for research.

**V. Old Business**

Cost of Regalia for PhD students was discussed. Rosson said that all PhD students can rent just plain black robes if desired. The Book Store should provide these gowns and this information should be made available on the Graduate College website. Deborah Szabo should be notified.

Lee said the GSA needs judges for Research Day.

Floyd had concerns with college support for graduate research dwindling and the same for e-learning. Szabo should forward research survey to Barbara.

GRE – Rosson was concerned that only six colleges returned updated GRE score information. The Provost will coordinate with a spreadsheet to be completed by the individual colleges and should be submitted one week before next UGC meeting.

ETS will send older scores with new scores and there is a concordance table on the ETS website.

**VI. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.**