University Undergraduate Programs Committee (UUPC)

Minutes – October 16, 2017

Members present: Mark Harvey, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; Bruce Arneklev, CDSI; Angela Rhone, ED; Dan Meeroff, EG; Miguel Ángel Vázquez, HC; Sunghae Ress, Library; Katherine Chadwell, NU; Jerry Haky, SC; Edward Pratt, Undergraduate Studies; Brian Hodge, Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Mary Kay Boyd, Business; Donna Chamely-Wiik, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry; Elizabeth Gillespie, Business; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council; Zhixiao Xie, Geosciences.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Jerry Haky.

I. MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

After a general discussion about the UUPC Committee makeup and introductions around the table, Chair Jerry Haky stated that a new academic year meant that a new UUPC Chair should be elected. Chair Haky commented that he enjoyed this committee and would be willing to serve again. Since there were no other calls for another UUPC rep to become Chair, Dr. Haky was re-elected to the position by acclamation of the Committee.

The minutes from the May 1, 2017, meeting were discussed, and the UUPC approved the minutes as written.

Chair Haky mentioned that the UFS would be meeting in the afternoon, but there were no UUPC items on the agenda. In the future, when there are UUPC items on the UFS agenda, representatives should appear at the meeting to answer questions, if any. Undergraduate Studies Dean Ed Pratt stated that he would be attending the meeting to discuss the success of the Bachelor of General Studies program.

Chair Haky announced that today's order of business would be the University-wide item first, followed by those colleges with guests at the meeting—Science, Business and Honors.

II. NEW BUSINESS – UNIVERSITY-WIDE

1. 75 Percent Rule

At the previous UUPC meeting, Dean Pratt asked all reps to review suggested changes to catalog verbiage about the "75 percent rule," which in its current form has caused confusion in the past. A major change to the language explaining the "75 percent rule" was deleting the word "department." A faulty interpretation intimated that a student had to fulfill upper-division credits in the department, rather than at FAU, the University.

The 75 percent rule's intention is not to restrict majors from earning courses in other departments if their home departments approve this. It is intended for majors to earn 75 percent of the major courses at FAU. It is a residency rule, not a restriction for departments. The new text is:

"Earn at least 75 percent of all upper-division credits required for the major at FAU. Some majors may require more than 75 percent. Consult the degree requirements section of the major for details."

All agreed that this language change made the stipulation clearer. The UUPC approved the change.

Policy Change	75 Percent Rule	
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III. NEW BUSINESS FROM THE COLLEGES

1. College of Science

Dr. Zhixiao Xie, chair of the Geosciences Department, presented a proposal to reconfigure the bachelor's degrees (B.A. and B.S.) in Geography and Geology and incorporate them under a new Geosciences major. Along with this reorganization, the B.A. and B.S. degrees in both Geography and Geology will be terminated in the near future, while the new B.A. and B.S. degrees in Geosciences become available in fall 2018. Dr. Xie explained that students in the current bachelor's programs can switch to the new programs easily or opt to graduate with the current programs.

Registrar's Office Rep Maria Jennings asked about the "focus" areas as shown in the new catalog language and whether these will be concentrations that should appear on students' transcripts. Dr. Xie said "focus" was more appropriate because there were not enough students to justify two concentrations. The new bachelor's programs have focus areas in Geography and Geology, not concentrations. Chair Haky asked about the number of STEM majors affected. Dr. Xie said this change would increase FAU's STEM majors because the Geography students (not STEM) would move to Geosciences, which is considered a STEM program. Dr. Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council, asked whether the Honors in Geography and Geology programs will be reconfigured too. Dr. Xie replied those programs, as well as the combined programs in those majors, had yet to be worked out, but would need to change too. The reorganized bachelor's degrees in Geosciences were approved by the UUPC.

Major Changes Catalog Changes State CIP Change BA State CIP Change BS Program Termination Geology Program Termination Geography	BA/BS in Geology and BA/BS in Geography becoming BA/BS in Geosciences		Reorganized bachelor's degrees to fall under Geosciences
BSC 1005L Form Syllabus RI Approval	RI: Life Science Lab	1	New, RI and Gen Ed
CHM 4294 Form Syllabus	Medicinal Chemistry	3	New

A new research-intensive course was proposed, RI: Life Science Lab. This is a pilot course for Small World Initiative, an antiviral lab that will identify new bacteria in soil. The lab will be Gen Ed and have two listings—as a regular course (currently existing, not research intensive) and as an RI course. **The UUPC approved this new course.**

Another new course in Medicinal Chemistry was proposed. A graduate version of this course is currently being approved. **The UUPC approved this new undergraduate course.**

2. College of Business

Guests Mary Kay Boyd and Elizabeth Gillespie discussed this new course, which includes a research-intensive element as well as the Writing Across Curriculum (WAC) characteristic. The regular course (without RI) will continue to be offered as a Writing Across Curriculum course and an introduction to research. Students who take the research-intensive version will receive a more in-depth research experience that will assist these students in their capstone course. **The UUPC approved this new RI course.**

GEB 3213 Form	RI: Communicating Business	3	New RI and WAC	
<u>Syllabus</u>	Information			
RI Approval				
WAC Approval				
<u>Explanation</u>				

3. Honors College

Honors College Rep Miguel Ángel Vázquez presented a course that will also carry the research-intensive element. He said that once this course's title changes and the syllabus is revised, it will always be offered as an RI course. The UUPC approved adding RI to this course.

<u>PSY 3213 Form</u>	Honors Research Methods	3	Change title, add RI	
<u>Syllabus</u>	in Psychology			
RI Approval	(New title: RI: Honors Research			
	Methods in Psychology)			

4. College of Arts and Letters

In a previous discussion with the colleges, University Registrar Brian Hodge asked about the awarding of certificates—whether they should be given to students at graduation or whether they should receive them when the certificate requirements are fulfilled, whenever that occurs. He asked the colleges to consider their certificate language and suggested that the latter situation be the rule throughout FAU. The College of Arts and Letters submitted two memos at this meeting revising the language for all of its certificates to note that the college will now award certificates when the requirements are fulfilled. Students will no longer have to wait until graduation to have completed certificates noted on their transcripts. Engineering and Computer Science Rep Dan Meeroff asked if the certificate language will be changed globally for all colleges. Dr. Hodge stated that it would not be possible to do so at this time because all colleges are different in their certificate descriptions. Colleges need to review their programs on an individual basis. **The UUPC approved the new certificate policy for Arts and Letters.**

Arts and Letters Rep Mark Harvey then described changes in two courses. Title and description changes are requested for WST 3325 to broaden the scope of the course to include all people, not just women. Credits for IDS 3949 are increasing to better reflect students' internship experiences. After a discussion about the ramifications of the credit increase, Chair Haky commented that internships do not count in excess hours. Therefore this credit increase should not cause an issue in that area. **UUPC approved the changes in the two courses.**

Policy Change	Certificate Programs	College-wide	
Policy Change	Certificate Program in Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies	Change	

WST 3325 Form Syllabus	Women, Violence, Resistance (New title: Gender-Based Violence and Resistance	3	Change title, description	
<u>IDS 3949 Form</u>	Professional Internship	0-1	Change credits	
<u>Syllabus</u>		(0-4)		
Explanation				
Support				

5. College for Design and Social Inquiry

College for Design and Social Inquiry Rep Bruce Arneklev discussed a credit change in a research course in his college. In meetings with his colleagues, CDSI Rep Arneklev said the general idea going forward was to call for more credit variability in research courses, thereby providing more opportunities for students. **The UUPC approved the course change.**

CCJ 4915 Form	Directed Independent Research	3	Change credits	
		(1-3)		

6. College of Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Dan Meeroff introduced one new course and two course changes from his college. The CGN course is taken be three different majors in the college and the corequisites are causing an issue. The ENV course is currently a combined lecture/lab course and will be split in two to allow more flexibility for students. There was a discussion on how the current course is taught in the combined pattern; with changes, the two courses can be handled by more than one professor. **The UUPC approved the new course and course changes.**

CGN 4804C Form Syllabus	Civil, Environmental and Geomatics Engineering Design 2	3	Change coreqs.	
ENV 4112C Form Syllabus (New number: 4112)	Air Pollution and Control Systems with Lab (New title: Air Pollution and Control Systems)	4 (3)	Change title, credits, number, desc., coreqs.	
ENV 4112L Form Syllabus	Air Pollution Lab	1	New	

7. Library

New Library Rep, Sunghae Ress, gave her report.

- The fifth floor of the Library is now open to all users. It is a multi-purpose lounge and presentation space. Funding for renovation was approved by President Kelly. For additional information on this renovation, please refer to Dean Hixson's blog https://faulibrarydean.wordpress.com/2017/06/03/wimberly-library-5th-floor-transformation-phase-one/
- The Library now has a Single Service Desk thus eliminating separate Circulation and Reference Desk service areas.
- A valid owl card is required to enter the Library after 10:00 p.m.
- Library Fall 2017 Workshop Schedule is available at: http://www.library.fau.edu/depts/ref/instsrv/mainwksh.htm
- Current Exhibitions in the Library:

"Protestant Reformation" exhibit, 10/16 to 12/15, 5th floor

Celebrates the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's publication of the "95 Theses" with an exhibition of rare books and documents from the Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection.

"Power of the Press" exhibit, now until Jan, 3rd floor

Focuses on works that are political in nature, works that help us understand cultures and subcultures other than our own, works that inspire inclusiveness... works that build bridges rather than walls.

"LGBTQ+" exhibit in the Library lobby

Education and Nursing had no reports.

IV. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

- 1. There was a discussion about designing a new form for program changes. Currently departments/colleges write memos about program changes; it might be more efficient and organized if all changes to current programs or even new programs are described on a standard form. RO Rep Maria Jennings said a new form will be created in time for the December meeting, if not sooner.
- **2.** UUPC meetings for academic year 2017-2018 will take place on Mondays from 10 am to noon on the following dates as approved by the Committee in the spring:

Dates for AY 17-18 (Mondays):

FALL: Nov. 13, Dec. 11

SPRING: Jan. 29, Feb. 26, April 2, April 30

3. Program revisions approved at this meeting will be considered by the Steering Committee and the UFS on the dates below. Please have a college representative present at those meetings in case questions arise about the program changes.

Steering: Nov. 2, from 2 to 4 pm in AD 305 UFS: Nov. 13, from 1 to 3 pm in EE 106

http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/steering-committee.php

http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar.php

4. Chair Haky adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.