

Members present (via Webex): Thomas Stollar, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Dan Meeroff, EG; James Wetterer, HC; Katherine Chadwell, NU; Jerry Haky, SC; Precious Skinner-Osei, SJ; Thomas O’Brien, Library; Edward Pratt, Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Brian Hodge, Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar’s Office.

Guests: Fred Bloetscher, College of Engineering and Computer Science; Randy Brooks, Biology; Donna Chamely-Wiik, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI); Seth Fallik, Criminology & Criminal Justice; Willie Freeman, Center for eLearning; Julie Golden-Botti, Center for eLearning; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council (UHC); Wendy Guastaferrro, Criminology & Criminal Justice; William Kalies, Mathematical Science; Robin Larson, Public Administration; Kevin Lanning, Honors College; Karen Leader, Visual Arts & Art History; Paul Peluso, Teaching & Learning; Debra Szabo, Provost’s Office; Kevin Wilt, Music; Xing-Hai Zhang, Biology.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

After welcoming the members and guests, Chair Jerry Haky asked for review/approval of the Committee’s minutes from its last meeting, February 1, 2021. **The UUPC approved the minutes as written.** Chair Haky’s only announcement was to remind representatives to attend the Senate meeting that afternoon if they had items on the agenda and to attend the Steering meeting on March 18, 2021, if they have items being approved at today’s meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Arts and Letters

AL Rep Thomas Stollar introduced Guest Karen Leader to provide details about the Communications and Multimedia Studies course that had been postponed at the last UUPC meeting. Guest Leader explained that the course is aimed at recruiting high school students in Broward and Palm Beach counties with the goal of encouraging activism among them. The course utilizes FAU instructors as well as professionals outside the university community. It is only available to high dual-enrolled students who are accepted into the Barb Schmidt Fellowship. **The UUPC approved this new course.**

SPC 3632	Communication and Social Change	3	New	
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2. Social Work and Criminal Justice

Guest Seth Fallik gave background on the Crime Mapping course, which was postponed at the February meeting because Criminal Justice was asked to discuss it with Geosciences. Guest Fallik reported that he had discussions with Geosciences. They have contention with the new course, saying it is redundant to a GIS course, but Criminal Justice did extensive research and presented a report to the UUPC explaining how the courses are not redundant. In his report, Guest Fallik outlined (a) a comparison of the two courses’ syllabi, (b) the student populations from both Geosciences and Criminal Justice & Criminology that enrolled in the two courses, (c) research in other SUS institutions, and (d) how Crime Mapping has become a specialization in the field of criminology and criminal justice. The syllabus for the GIS course does not mention any crime-related issues. Recent enrollment figures for the two courses when Crime Mapping was offered as a Special Topics course showed that 96 out of 110 students were Criminal Justice majors. More details in Guest Fallik’s memo show that the two courses have clearly different student audiences as well as different objectives.

Chair Haky asked if the Geosciences department had provided a note of support for the new course. Guest Fallik said he would go back to the department and ask for a letter of support. He added Criminal Justice would like to collaborate with Geosciences, but sees a clear need for CJC students to have this courses available. Undergraduate Studies Dean Ed Pratt stated that he saw no conflict between the two

courses. Guest Fallik added that his department has its own lab and software, which had been utilized when the new course was taught as a Special Topics course. The course does not require the use of the Geosciences lab and software. **The UUPC approved the new course pending another discussion with Geosciences and work toward a resolution.** Following this meeting, Guest Fallik completed a very successful discussion with Geosciences. The two departments are going to work toward a resolution. CCJ 4072 was withdrawn at the March 18, 2021 Steering Meeting until that collaboration occurs.

CCJ 4072	Crime Mapping	3	New	Withdrawn post-meeting (see note above)
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III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Arts and Letters

Public Administration

Guest Robin Larson introduced a new program combining a Bachelor of Public Management (BPM) with a Master of Nonprofit Management (MNM). Similar to the BPM/MNM, another new program combining a Bachelor of Public Safety Administration (BPSA) with the MNM was outlined by Guest Larson. Both new programs permit students to take 12 graduate credits in their senior year, which will count for both degrees. **The new combined programs were approved by the UUPC and will be sent to the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) for their approval.**

Music

Guest Kevin Wilt described six new programs, all of which will combine existing bachelor’s programs in Music with the Master of Nonprofit Management (MNM): Bachelor of Music Performance (Piano Performance and Pedagogy Option) – BM/MNM; Bachelor of Music Performance (Vocal Option) – BM/MNM; Bachelor of Music Performance (Instrumental Option) – BM/MNM; Bachelor of Music Performance (Guitar option) – BM/MNM; Bachelor of Music: Commercial Music Business – BM/MNM; Bachelor of Arts in Music – BA/MNM. Guest Kevin Wilt explained that many students in performance majors end up working in non-profit organizations; therefore, this combined program is a good fit.

There was a question concerning whether the elective courses in these combined programs would fulfill the intellectual requirements for the master’s degree. The proposed program allows graduate music performance courses to count in the master’s program as the credits that will be shared between the bachelor’s and master’s programs. Guest Larson explained that the elective courses in the MNM allow a wide range of topics and are very flexible. For this reason, counting graduate music performance credits in the MNM program is acceptable. **The UUPC approved the new combined programs in Music/MNN. They will be sent to the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) next for their approval.**

New Combined Program	Bachelor of Public Management/Master of Nonprofit Management		New	
New Combined Program	Bachelor of Public Safety Administration/Master of Nonprofit Management		New	
Six New Combined Programs	Bachelor of Music or Bachelor of Arts in Music/Master of Nonprofit Management		New	

2. Business

BA Rep Ethlyn Williams addressed the new course first, stating that the program changes include adding the new course as an elective in the Management Information Systems program. She said that the other program changes entail adding existing courses to the table of electives for the MIS program. **The UUPC approved the new course and the program changes.**

Program Changes Engineering support	Management Information Systems		Add new and existing courses as electives	
ISM 4421 Engineering support	Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation for Business	3	New	

3. Education

ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji described the changes to the certificate in Early Childhood Environmental Education. Deletion of the paragraph about advisor approval was the main change and a list of elective courses was the main addition in order for students to be able to select their electives without needing advisor approval. EG Rep Dan Meeroff suggested adding ENV 3001C, Environmental Science and Engineering, to the elective list. Rep Bhagwanji replied that it was considered, but because that course has prerequisites, in particular General Chemistry 1 and Lab, it was not included. **The UUPC approved the certificate changes.**

ED Rep Bhagwanji asked Guest Paul Peluso to discuss the next Education items. Peluso began by explaining that the program changes do not alter the number of credits; the changes add flexibility and clarity to the Elementary Education requirements. Next, he addressed the credit changes for several courses. He explained that the department created several 2-credit courses a few years ago to meet new Department of Education requirements, but now has found that students end up with an odd number of credits. In order to satisfy the major's total credits of 63, students are forced to take a few additional courses and run into issues with financial aid because those extra courses are not degree applicable. This situation is remedied by increasing the credits of several 2-credit courses to 3.

Dean Pratt asked if the courses with credit increases show additional work in the syllabi that would indicate increased rigor. Guest Peluso assured him that the revised syllabi reflected additional requirements to warrant an increase in credits. Peluso also shared that the 3-credit courses are all consistent with state requirements, which were revised once again last April.

Dean Pratt stressed that a representative from Teaching and Learning should be present at the Steering and Senate meetings in case questions arise about these changes, especially the credit increases. **The UUPC approved the program changes and the course changes.**

Program Changes	Early Childhood Environmental Education Certificate		Add list of elective courses	
Program Changes Education support	Elementary Education		Streamlining program courses	
ARE 4313	Art: Elementary School	2 (3)	Change credits	
EDE 4943	Student Teaching – Elementary	5-12 (3-9)	Change credits	
EDF 3203	Equity Issues in Multicultural Education	2 (3)	Change credits	
EDG 3324	Effective Teaching Practices 2 (New title: Effective Teaching Practices)		Change title	

EEX 4616	Classroom Management for Inclusive Elementary Schools	2 (3)	Change credits, remove prerequisites	
EME 4312	Educational Technology for 21st Century	2 (3)	Change credits	
MAE 4310	Mathematics Content and Standards for K-6 Teachers	2 (3)	Change credits	
SCE 4113	Science Content and Standards for K-6 Teachers	2 (3)	Change credits	

4. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Meeroff discussed the addition of the Research-Intensive (RI) component to a Civil Engineering course. He noted that approval was given by the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry.

The UUPC approved the RI addition.

SUR 4503C RI approval	Foundations of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Mapping (New title: Add RI to existing title)	3	Change title and add RI component	
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5. Honors College

HC Rep James Wetterer addressed the program changes first. He explained that replacing a separate Honors Thesis course for each of seven concentrations with the same Honors Thesis course – IDS 4970 with a new title of “RI: Honors Thesis” – removed confusion and enhanced clarity for students. Next, he explained that the six course terminations include the separate Honors Thesis courses that are being replaced by IDS 4970 and a few other courses serving as honors research.

Chair Haky asked that if the same Honors Thesis courses are offered by other colleges, would those be terminated too? RO Rep Maria Jennings explained that if two courses with the same prefix and number exist for FAU, one an honors version and the other a regular version, there is a way to end only the honors version at the state and at FAU and keep the regular version active. Rep Wetterer added that in the case of these course terminations, only the honors versions would be discontinued. Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council, further clarified that the Honors Thesis courses in Boca would remain intact. **The UUPC approved the program changes, course terminations and the IDS 4970 title change.**

Guest Kevin Lanning then explained that the new Psychology course was created to offer Honors College students experience with a graduate-like seminar course. He added that this course received support from the College of Science. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

Program Changes Honors approval	Anthropology Concentration		Replace Honors Thesis course with IDS 4970 and some program clean up	
Program Changes Honors approval	Biological Anthropology Concentration		Replace Honors Thesis course with IDS 4970 and some program clean up	
Program Changes Honors approval	Chemistry Concentration		Replace Honors Thesis course with IDS 4970 and some program clean up	

Program Changes Honors approval	English Literature Concentration		Replace Honors Thesis course with IDS 4970 and some program clean up	
Program Changes Honors approval	Mathematics Concentration		Replace Honors Thesis course with IDS 4970 and some program clean up	
Program Changes Honors approval	Philosophy Concentration		Replace Honors Thesis course with IDS 4970 and some program clean up	
Program Changes Honors approval	Psychology Concentration		Replace Honors Thesis course with IDS 4970 and some program clean up	
ANT 4970 Honors approval	Honors Thesis in Anthropology	1-6	Terminate	
CHM 4912 Honors approval	Honors Research in Chemistry	1-6	Terminate	
CHM 4914 Honors approval	Honors Research and Writing in Chemistry	3-6	Terminate	
IDS 4970 Honors approval	RI: Honors Interdisciplinary Thesis (New title RI: Honors Thesis)	1-6 (3)	Change title, credits, description	
LIT 4970 Honors approval	Honors Thesis in Literature	1-6	Terminate	
MAT 4971 Honors approval	Honors Thesis in Mathematics	1-6	Terminate	
PHI 4970 Honors approval	Honors Thesis in Philosophy	1-6	Terminate	
PSY 4923 Honors approval Psychology support	Honors Advanced Seminar in Psychology	3	New	

6. Science

Guest Xing-Hai Zhang presented two Botany courses that need their descriptions and prerequisites updated. The course proposal also asks for the courses to be unlinked in the schedule. Guest Zhang said this will give students more flexibility when registering for the courses. **The UUPC approved them.** Chair Haky stated that the next two course changes, GIS 4035C and GLY 4750C, had no representative to speak about them. **The UUPC approved postponing the two course changes to the next meeting.**

Guest William Kalies discussed changes in the Bachelor of Data Science and Analytics program, stating that the changes are slight, but necessary. These include putting the upper-division credit requirement in line with the University requirement of 45 and updating the Computer Science/Engineering Concentration to provide two paths for students to choose. These changes received support from the colleges of Arts and Letters, Business, Engineering and Science. **The UUPC approved the program changes.**

BOT 4503	Principles of Plant Physiology	2	Change prereqs., description and registration controls	
BOT 4503L	Plant Physiology Lab	2	Change prereqs., description and registration controls	
GIS 4035C (postponed to next meeting)	Remote Sensing of the Environment	3	Change corequisite	
GLY 4750C (postponed to next meeting)	Field Methods (New title: Geology Field Methods)	3	Change title and description	
Program Changes Support from AL, BA, EG and SC	BS in Data Science and Analytics		Change to upper-division credits, free electives and Computer Science/Engineering Concentration	

7. Social Work and Criminal Justice

Guest Seth Fallik presented a new course in Criminology and Criminal Justice. He explained that the Special Topics course was needed because currently there are no courses of this type at the lower level. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

CCJ 2930	Special Topics	1-3	New	
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8. Library and Nursing had no reports.

9. There were a couple of announcements. Dean Pratt said that he was reconvening the UUPC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Subcommittee to work on mapping the DEI into FAU's Intellectual Foundations Program.

Guest Donna Chamely-Wiik announced that there would be an event, the OURI 11th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, on Friday April 9th and provided the deadline for abstracts (March 8th) and link for more details: https://www.fau.edu/ouri/undergrad_symposium.php. This event will include virtual live oral sessions and asynchronous poster sessions.

IV. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

1. The next UUPC meeting is March 29, 2021, 10 a.m. to noon, via Webex.
2. Steering Meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/steering-committee.php>
3. University Faculty Senate meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar.php>
4. Chair Haky declared the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.