

**Members present (via Webex):** Philip Lewin, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Hongbo Su, EG; Nicholas Baima, HC; Clarene Brown-King (for Katherine Chadwell), NU; Korey Sorge, SC; Seth Fallik (for Precious Skinner-Osei), SJ; Lawrence Mello, Library; Dan Meeroff, Interim Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council (UHC); Brian Hodge, Maria Jennings, Elissa Rudolph, Registrar's Office.

**Guests:** Michelle Cavallo, Biology; James Cunningham, Music; Charles Dukes, Education; Robyn Klein, Education, School Engagement; Kris Lindbeck, Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature; Debra Szabo, Provost's Office; Michael Zourdos, Exercise Science and Health Promotion.

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by UUPC Chair Ethlyn Williams.

#### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Williams asked for any changes to the February 28, 2022, minutes. There being none, the previous meeting's minutes were approved.

Undergraduate Studies Interim Dean Dan Meeroff and Chair Williams stated that there should always be UUPC representatives present at Faculty Senate Steering meetings and at University Faculty Senate (UFS) meetings. They reiterated that attendance is necessary because members of those committees may have questions about UUPC items. If there is no representative present, the item could be postponed.

Dean Meeroff suggested that the UUPC's Guidelines and Procedures be updated to include how subcommittees are formed. He shared there is an informal Pre-Law group that he would like to see become a subcommittee of the UUPC, similar to how the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI) subcommittee was formed. However, a process for creating a subcommittee is not provided in the UUPC Guidelines. OURI Director Donna Chamely-Wiik was not in attendance to add her input about the process she underwent to form that subcommittee. Dean Meeroff will reach out to learn more. He added there are several Pre-Law initiatives at institutions across the state, but FAU does not have much presence in the area of Pre-Law. He would like to see that change. Since there is an informal Pre-Law group already meeting at FAU, Dean Meeroff would like to invite the chair of that group (Dalel Bader) to the next UUPC meeting. Then there could be more discussion on officially forming the subcommittee under the UUPC and updating the Guidelines to preserve the procedure.

Chair Williams then discussed future UUPC meetings – the timing and whether or not they should be Webex meetings or hybrids. She thought the first meeting of the academic year in the fall should be in person to welcome and assist new representatives as well as the last meeting of the fall and perhaps also one in the spring. The meetings would be available online as well for guests. Chair Williams added that the next UUPC meeting on April 25 would be offered in person and on Webex and invited all UUPC representatives to attend in person while asking that their guests attend via Webex. The April 25 meeting will include a social half hour after the meeting. The group was open to these suggestions.

Timing, however, was a more involved issue. Maria Jennings, Registrar's Office, said that UUPC meetings would have to be scheduled in concert with University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) and UFS meetings. Registrar Hodge suggested changing the UUPC meetings to fall after the UGPC meeting but before the University Graduate Council meetings, providing a more streamlined approval process especially for combined programs. It was determined more discussion is to take place on these matters at the April meeting when the meeting dates of the other committees may be known.

There was no Old Business at this meeting.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Arts and Letters

#### ***Communication and Multimedia Studies***

AL Rep Philip Lewin described the new MMC course, currently a special topics course that is very popular with students. It will serve as an elective. This course received approval from Political Science.

#### ***Interdisciplinary Studies***

The next item to be considered was a new interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree program in Global Studies. Four new courses are to be the foundation of the new program. During the discussion that followed, AL Rep Lewin added that FIU has a similar program. There were questions about the program courses including acceptable minimum grading and course levels. Committee members also questioned the Intellectual Foundations portion of the proposal saying it is too stringent, especially for transfer students and FAU students who change majors. AL Rep Lewin said he would obtain clarification on these concerns from Dr. William Trapani, the program's originator. In addition, he asked for the proposal to be postponed because it is missing support letters from the various colleges. **The UUPC voted to postpone approval of the program and its new courses.**

#### ***Jewish Studies***

Next, AL Rep Lewin invited Guest Kris Lindbeck to describe the new JST course, which was approved to be part of the Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) Global Citizenship Foundation. The course surveys the global Jewish world from the 19th century to the present and includes Diversity, Equity and Inclusion content as well. It will serve as an elective for Jewish Studies majors.

#### ***Music***

Lastly, AL Rep Lewin presented the new Music course. Guest Jamie Cunningham explained that the course uses music as a window for examining different societies. He said it received IFP approval in the summer and was supposed to be reviewed by UUPC in the fall but was delayed in getting to the Committee. Chair Williams commented on the syllabus and how it is difficult to see how the exams fit into the final grade. Guest Cunningham stated that his evaluation method is vague on purpose because students set the level of success. He added this method has served him and his students well for the past 18 years. A request was made to change the effective date for the course from spring 2022 to spring 2023. This change was completed and posted.

### **UUPC approved the three new courses for the College of Arts and Letters.**

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| <a href="#">MMC 4611C</a><br><a href="#">Political Science</a><br><a href="#">support</a> | Political Podcasting          | 3 | New                |           |
| <a href="#">JST 2452</a><br><a href="#">IFP approval</a>                                  | Global Jewish Communities     | 3 | New and IFP course |           |
| <a href="#">MUH 2122</a><br><a href="#">IFP approval</a>                                  | Music in Global Society       | 3 | New and IFP course |           |
| <a href="#">New Program</a><br><a href="#">State Forms</a>                                | BA in Global Studies          |   | New                | Postponed |
| <a href="#">IDS 3313</a>  | Global Studies 1              |   | New                | Postponed |
| <a href="#">IDS 4315</a>  | Global Studies 2              | 3 | New                | Postponed |
| <a href="#">IDS 4332</a>  | Cultural Study of Globality   | 3 | New                | Postponed |
| <a href="#">IDS 4915</a>  | Directed Independent Research | 3 | New                | Postponed |

## 2. Business

### **Health Administration**

Chair Williams presented the program change for the Gerontology Certificate. She said this certificate needed updating because most of the Nursing courses in the program were being terminated by the College of Nursing. The certificate was updated with courses from Exercise Science and Health Promotion (EXSC) and Psychology. Dean Meeroff asked if there were support letters from those two entities. Guest Michael Zourdos, chair of EXSC, shared that he was aware of this change from the originator, Pierre Alexandre, and offered to forward their email exchange. A letter of support would be requested from Psychology. **The UUPC approved the program changes, pending evidence of support.** (These letters of support were received and posted.)

### **Marketing**

Next Chair Williams discussed another program change that adds a new course to the major and minor elective tables in the Hospitality and Tourism Management program. **This change was approved by the UUPC.**

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| <a href="#">Program Change Exercise Science and Health Promotion support Psychology support</a> | Gerontology Certificate                             |  | Update course offerings           |  |
| <a href="#">Program Change</a>  | Hospitality and Tourism Management major and minors |  | Add new course to elective tables |  |

## 3. Education

ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji introduced two guests to discuss the course changes. During discussion of the first item, Guests Robyn Klein and Charles Dukes were asked whether the prerequisite course to be removed from EDG 3324 was being terminated. They confirmed that EDG 3323 will be terminated, but it is still needed for existing students. A termination for this course will be submitted soon. The other two courses for Education have similar updates. During the discussion, it was noted that the course forms include the incorrect department name. Due to the merging of two departments in the College of Education, the new department name of Curriculum and Instruction is needed on the forms. It was also noted that the syllabus for SSE 4150 was missing the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) language. (The department name updates and the update to the SSE 4150 syllabus were received and posted immediately after the meeting.) **The UUPC approved all three changes.**

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| <a href="#">EDG 3324</a> | Effective Teaching Practices                          | 3 | Remove a prereq.               |  |
| <a href="#">EEX 4616</a> | Classroom Management for Inclusive Elementary Schools | 3 | Remove a prereq., add a coreq. |  |
| <a href="#">SSE 4150</a> | K-9 Social Studies                                    | 3 | Remove a prereq.               |  |

## 4. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Hongbo Su explained that the program change in Electrical Engineering broadens the elective choices for students; instead of being confined to two specific courses, students may choose courses from general technical electives. **The UUPC approved the change.**

Two course changes involved changing the prerequisites. **The UUPC approved these changes.**

The last item is a new course shared between Engineering and Computer Science and Science. EG Rep Su indicated this course will be team taught by Computer Science and Biology and will teach students how to

develop applications in Biology. Registrar Brian Hodge stated that although this is a shared course, it will be listed in Banner as a College of Science/Biology Department offering. Only one college/department is allowed for courses in Banner. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

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| <a href="#">Program Change</a>  | Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering   |   | Revise technical elective requirements |  |
| <a href="#">CDA 4210</a>  | Introduction to VLSI                            | 3 | Change prereqs.                        |  |
| <a href="#">CDA 4240C</a>   | Design of Digital Systems and Lab               | 3 | Change prereqs.                        |  |
| <a href="#">IDS 4722</a><br><a href="#">Support from AL, BA, NU, SJ</a> | Artificial Intelligence Applications in Biology | 3 | New                                    |  |

### 5. Honors College

HC Rep Nicholas Baima explained that in both program changes, two required writing courses are being replaced by increasing the electives by 3 credits and reducing the concentration totals by 1 credit. The motivation for removal of the writing courses is that Honors College students are already required to take an additional 6 credits in writing for the Honors Thesis. The College prefers to allow students more elective choices to help provide a more well-rounded education. Both changes were approved previously by the University Honors Council. **The UUPC approved the program changes.**

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| <a href="#">Program Change</a><br><a href="#">Honors approval</a> | Concentration in Business  |  | Remove two required courses, increase electives, reduce concentration total by 1 credit |  |
| <a href="#">Program Change</a><br><a href="#">Honors approval</a> | Concentration in Economics |  | Remove two required courses, increase electives, reduce concentration total by 1 credit |  |

### 6. Science

SC Rep Korey Sorge asked Guest Michelle Cavallo to explain the program change in Biological Sciences. She stated that the program change – to add the same new course, IDS 4722, to the three biology programs – increases elective choices for students and infuses data science and artificial intelligence in the biology curriculum. This shared course had already been approved when Engineering and Computer Science presented its proposals earlier in the meeting. **The UUPC approved the program change.**

Guest Zourdos addressed the two combined program changes, which include increasing shared credits from 9 to 12 and raising the entrance GPA to 3.25. These changes were approved by the UGPC and Provost’s Office previously. After a brief discussion, **the UUPC approved the combined program changes.**

Next, Guest Zourdos explained that since one PET course was to be terminated, the corequisite on a related course had to be deleted. **The UUPC approved the changes to two PET courses.**

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| <u>Program Change</u>  | BA and BS in Biological Sciences and BS in Medical Biology       |   | Add new course, IDS 4722, to elective choices   |  |
| <u>Combined Program Change</u><br><u>Provost's Office approval</u><br>(also approved by Graduate Programs Committee) | BA in Health Science/MS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion |   | Increase shared courses from 9 credits to 12, raise entrance GPA, remove other admission requirements |  |
| <u>Combined Program Change</u><br><u>Provost's Office approval</u><br>(also approved by Graduate Programs Committee) | BS/MS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion                   |   | Increase shared courses from 9 credits to 12, raise entrance GPA, remove other admission requirements |  |
| <u>PET 4550</u>  | Exercise Testing and Prescription                                | 4 | Remove coreq.   |  |
| <u>PET 4550L</u>   | Exercise Testing Lab   | 1 | Terminate   |  |

### 7. Library

Library Rep Lawrence Mello shared that the selection committee for the Library's new dean is nearing the end of the candidate screenings. He said the new dean will be chosen sometime in April.

8. Nursing and Social Work and Criminal Justice had no reports.

### III. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

1. The next UUPC meeting is Monday, April 25, 2022, 10 a.m. to noon, in person for UUPC representatives and via Webex for guests.

2. Steering meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/steering-committee/>

3. University Faculty Senate meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar/>

4. Chair Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.