Florida Atlantic University  
University Graduate Council (UGC)  
Minutes  
November 14, 2012

Present: Charles Roberts, Science; Elwood Hamlin II, CDSI; Nancy Poulson, Arts & Letters;  
William Rhodes, Engineering; Gail Burnaford, Education; Ramon Garcia-Areas, GSA;  
Allen Smith, Business; David Newman, Nursing; Ron Nyhan, CDSI; LaTasha Lee;  
GSA; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Mahyar Nourishirazi, Medicine;  

Others Present: Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Barbara Bebergal, Division of Research;  
Susan Fulks, Graduate College;  

Absent: Deborah L. Floyd, Education (excused- presenting a paper); Khaled Sobhan,  
Engineering; Colin Hughes, Science  

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. Nancy Poulson.  

I. Call to Order and Sign In.  
Substitute Chair Nancy Poulson, Council Members and Guests  

II. Approval of UGC Minutes from October, 2012.  

Action: The minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.  

III. Report and Recommendations from the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC)  

| Memo | Change Course Requirements – Experimental Psychology PhD. degree | Science | N/A | N/A |
| Memo | Change Course Requirements for Psychology M.A degree | Science | N/A | N/A |
| Memo | Change Track Name- Administrative & Financial Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare | Nursing | N/A | N/A |
| Memo | Change Program Name- Master of Science (MS) Major in Nursing | Nursing | N/A | N/A |
| Proposal | Program Revision- Mental Health Counseling Program | Education | N/A | N/A |
| Memo | Thesis-track Requirement | Medicine | N/A | N/A |
A. All action and consent agenda items were approved by the Council.

B. Dr. Poulson will recommend that the GPC decide which items should go to action or consent.

IV. Announcements

Congratulations to Dr. Floyd for the writing of the resolution to prevent ending a program without the program’s knowledge.

LaTasha Lee announced that the GSA Research Day will take place April 12, 2013. Faculty is encouraged to submit syllabi and students can submit abstracts.
Dr. Nyhan said that a schedule for the Faculty Senate meetings will be sent to the Council members.

V. Catalog Revision

Level I - All changes will go to the GPC, UGC and Faculty Senate.

Level II – The Catalog Revision Committee will look at these changes and decide whether it needs level I, II or III.

Level III – The Catalog Revision Committee will review and approve and send straight to the Office of the Registrar.

Memos and Forms will remain the same.

A copy of the revised Procedure document will be posted on the UGC website and emailed to the Council members.

VI. Graduate Tuition Benefits Proposed Policy Change

Dr. Rosson distributed a revised document to the Council. There was much discussion on moving the policy change forward to the Steering Committee. LaTasha Lee opposed some of the language and wanted to move it forward with some changes, Dr. William Rhodes opposes moving it forward and Dr. Nancy Poulson wanted time to discuss with her college. Dr. Rosson explained the time line and budget consideration being significant and that at least the policy should go forward to the Steering Committee without recommendation from the UGC.

By the end of the meeting it was approved unanimously by those present to move the item forward to the Steering Committee without recommendation along with a memorandum from Dr. Rosson.

A memorandum will be sent with the Tuition Benefits Policy Draft to the University Faculty Senate (UFS) Steering Committee. A copy of the memo can be sent to the Council members upon request.

VII. Meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

Next meeting: The University Graduate Council will meet again Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 2 PM.