

University Graduate Programs Committee (Via Zoom)
November 3, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Chris Beetle, Lisa Dario, Thomas O'Brien, Beth King, Mihaela Cardei, Eric Berlatsky, Arthur Sementelli, Paul Peluso, Brian Hodge, Brian Farrell, Robert Stackman, Robin Larson, Massimo Caputi, William Kalies, Debra Szabo, Dani Groton, Allan Barsky, Joy McClellan, LeaAnne DeRigne.

- I. Meeting called to order by GPC Chair, Christopher Beetle, at 2:01 pm.
- II. Announcements/Discussion Items
 - A. Paul Peluso: Next week's UGC Meeting, November 10th, will be pushed back to 2:30 pm due to a conflict with the Academic Planning and Budget Committee Meeting. Paul encouraged all to attend the APBC Meeting.
 - B. Beth Kink: The College of Nursing is having a virtual Veteran's Day celebration next week. She will send an email notification to the GPC membership.
- III. The minutes from the last GPC Meeting held on October 6, 2021 were approved by the committee.
- IV. Curricula items submitted for review and approval by GPC

The below items/curricula proposals were reviewed:

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: CSWCJ, Nursing				
Course Change	PAD6063: Managerial Leadership in State and Local Government	Arts & Letters	3	A
Course Change	PAD6436: Administrative Ethics	Arts & Letters	3	A
Reviewers by College: Library, Science				
Course Change	SOW6235: Social Welfare History & Policy	CSWCJ	3	A
Course Change	SOW6306: Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities	CSWCJ	3	A
Course Change	SOW6533: Field Instruction/Integrative Seminar II	CSWCJ	3	A
Course Change	SOW6536: Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar II	CSWCJ	3	A
Course Change	SOW6611: Social Work Practice with Families: Generalist and Specialist Roles	CSWCJ	3	A
Course Change	SOW6618: Social Work Practice with Groups	CSWCJ	3	A
New Course	SOWxxxx: Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice	CSWCJ	3	AC
New Course	SOWxxxx: Social Justice and Social Work: Current Issues and Responses	CSWCJ	3	AC

New Program	Certificate in Social Justice and Anti- Oppressive Social Work	CSWCJ	N/A	AC
Program Change	MSW Program: School of Social Work	CSWCJ	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: A&L, CSWCJ				
Program Change	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	Education	N/A	A
Program Change	Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling	Education	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: A&L, Education				
Program Change	Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering/ Ph.D. in Ocean Engineering	Engineering	N/A	A

A: Approved, as is: AC: Approved Contingent on changes: T: Tabled

Supplemental Curriculum Proposals for November 3, 2021

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: CSWCJ, Nursing				
Program Change	Master of Music with Major in Music	Arts & Letters	N/A	A

A. Arts & Letters curricula items

1. Course Change: PAD6063: Managerial Leadership in State and Local Government
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
2. Course Change: PAD6436: Administrative Ethics
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.

B. College of Social Work & Criminal Justice curricula items

1. Course Change: SOW6235: Social Welfare History & Policy
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
2. Course Change: SOW6306: Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
3. Motion and second to consider the following four (4) Course Change Requests as a group.
 - a. Approved, to consider as a group.
 - i. Course Change: SOW6533: Field Instruction/Integrative Seminar II
 - ii. Course Change: SOW6536: Advanced Year Field Instruction and Integrative Seminar II
 - iii. Course Change: SOW6611: Social Work Practice with Families: Generalist and Specialist Roles
 - iv. Course Change: SOW6618: Social Work Practice with Groups
 - b. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - c. All four (4) Approved, as is.
4. New Course: SOWxxxx: Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice

- a. Needs course number added to cover-page and syllabus.
 - b. Needs boiler-plate language, for CAP and SAS, in syllabus.
 - i. Rep from CSWCJ pointed out that the “boiler-plate” language is covered in the link in the first paragraph of the syllabus. This is per a discussion during a meeting with Academic Affairs when it was conveyed that using this link was acceptable.
 - ii. Chris Beetle: I don’t recall seeing any update to Provost’s memo regarding syllabi content, particularly as it pertains to this subject. I propose taking a vote to see if the GPC finds this acceptable or not.
 - 1) Motion and second to add boiler-plate language, for CAP and SAS, to the syllabus.
 - 2) Motion failed. The link in the syllabus is acceptable.
 - c. Motion and second to approve as amended, by adding course number to cover-page and syllabus.
 - d. Approved, as amended.
5. New Course: SOWxxxx: Social Justice and Social Work: Current Issues and Responses
- a. Needs course number added to cover-page and syllabus.
 - b. Motion and second to approve as amended, by adding course number to cover-page and syllabus.
 - c. Approved, as amended.
6. New Program: Certificate in Social Justice and Anti-Oppressive Social Work
- a. Needs course numbers, from two (2) New Course Requests approved above, added to syllabus as well as the addition of the catalog language to the syllabus.
 - b. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
 - c. Approved, as amended.
7. Program Change: MSW Program: School of Social Work
- a. Motion and second to approve additional entry term in the Summer.
 - b. Approved, as is.
- C. College of Education curricula items
- 1. Program Change: Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
 - 2. Program Change: Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling
 - a. Motion and second to approved, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
- D. College of Engineering and Computer Science curricula items
- 1. Program Change: Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering/Ph.D. in Ocean Engineering
 - a. Art Sementelli, to Brian Hodge: Why isn’t what is being proposed in this Program Change Request, removal of residency requirement, being done in all programs across campus?
 - i. Chris: It can’t be done without the consent of the program and/or department.
 - b. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - c. Approved, as is.
- E. Additional Curricula Item on Supplemental Agenda
- 1. Master of Music with Major in Music – College of Arts and Letters

- a. This item was tabled at the October 6th GPC meeting and was to be considered at today's GPC meeting. It was inadvertently omitted from today's agenda and Eric Berlatsky asked that it be considered so as not to delay the process further.
 - a. Eric: Additional language was added clarifying the seven (7) concentrations available in the program and removing some of the redundant language.
 - 2. Motion and second to consider this item today.
 - a. Approved, to consider today.
 - 3. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - a. Approved, as is.
- V. Additional Discussion Items
 - A. Discussion of link to boiler-plate language in syllabi
 - 1. Chris: Proposed raising this topic with the Provost and determining the following:
 - a. Is this information accurate?
 - b. Is there an update to the Provost's Memo, regarding this subject, forthcoming?
 - c. Chris suggested that he and Paul Peluso bring this topic before the Provost for clarification.
 - i. Approved by acclamation.
- VI. Report from Graduate College Dean – Dr. Robert W. Stackman, Jr.
 - A. The Graduate Dean/College is asking for Assistant Dean's assistance in gathering data on the most common GRA/GTA Stipend rates. Both within FAU and at other higher-educational institutions.
 - 1. This is being done in an effort to push for an increase in stipends here at FAU.
 - 2. The ultimate goal would be to get a statement from UGC endorsing this increase in stipends.
 - 3. William Kalies: Has the request for a one-time bonus for GTA's gone anywhere?
 - a. Dean Stackman: It was presented to the Council of Deans. The Deans were not in favor of this but other proposals are in the works.
 - b. Eric: Where would the money for a one-time bonus come from?
 - i. Dean Stackman: The idea is to use CARE Funds and/or HERF 3 funds, which is available, so the push-back from the Deans is confusing.
 - 4. Chris: What the Council should endorse is that our stipend rates should be made, and remain, competitive!
 - a. Eric/Art: Both expressed that we should, at the very least, be paying minimum wage to entice students to come to FAU. Students would be better off, financially, to work at McDonald's or Burger King!
 - b. "Can FAU restrict students from working outside the university?"
 - i. William: No, FAU cannot tell students they can't work outside the university, unless there is a conflict of interest involved.
 - c. William: Higher stipends would, at least, increase morale and let students know they are appreciated.
 - d. Eric: Low stipends don't affect JUST Grad students. It can have a trickle-down effect on undergrads as well, if we can't recruit the best students, many of whom teach undergrad courses.
 - e. Massimo Caputi: I, personally, have lost 4 excellent candidates due to low stipend amounts.

- f. Art: The university has applied “band-aid” fixes to this problem in the past but we need a more substantive, and sustainable, solution to this problem.
- B. The Graduate College will be bringing updated Thesis & Dissertation Guidelines before UGC next week for feedback.
 - 1. These guidelines were last updated in 2014, so this is long overdue.
 - 2. Brian will add this to the agenda, as a discussion item, for next week’s UGC meeting. Due to the size of this document - 90 pages - Brian will also send the PDF in an email to the UGC membership today to provide adequate time for review before the meeting.
- VII. Roundtable
 - A. No items brought before the committee.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned by Christopher Beetle, GPC Chair, at 3:28 p.m.

The next Graduate Program Committee meeting is December 8, 2021

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