

University Graduate Programs Committee Agenda
October 18, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Fred Bloetscher, GPC Chair; Ali Danesh, Education; William McDaniel, Business; Diane Sherman, CDSI; Ken Dawson-Scully, Science; Marianne Porter, Science; David Newman, Nursing; Mihaela Cardei, Engineering; Clarence Brooks, A&L; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Arthur Sementelli, CDSI; Sabrina Sembiante, Education

Others Present: Deborah Floyd, Graduate College; Nora Barragan, Graduate College; Nancy Condemi, Graduate College; Brian Farrell, Graduate College; Manny Gonzalez, CDSI; Debra Sazabo, Provost’s Office;

Absent: Paul Peluso, UGC Chair; Andrew Oleinikov, Medicine; Charles Roberts, Science; Clifford Brown, A&L;

- I. Fred Bloetscher agreed to serve as acting UGC Chair in the absence of Dr. Paul Peluso.
- II. The meeting called to order by Fred Bloetscher, GPC Chair, at 2:03 pm.
- III. Brief announcements and discussion.
 - a. No brief announcements or discussion
- IV. The below curriculum items were reviewed:

Curriculum Items for October 18, 2017

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: Library, Science (Geosciences)				
Course Change	SOW 7498: Advanced Clinical Social Work Research Proposal	CDSI	N/A	AC
Course Change	SOW 7698: Advanced Clinical Social Work Practicum	CDSI	N/A	A
New Course	SOW 7117: Interpersonal Neuroscience and Advanced Clinical Social Work	CDSI	3	AC
New Course	SOW 7417: Behavioral Science Statistics in Advanced Clinical Social Work	CDSI	3	A
Program Change	Doctor of Social Work (Spring 2018)	CDSI	N/A	A
Program Change	Doctor of Social Work (Fall 2018)	CDSI	N/A	A

¹ October 24, 2017 draft submitted for review.

Program Change	Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice	CDSI	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, CDSI				
New Course	SPA 5107: Neural Bases of Human Communication	Education	3	A
Program Change	M. Ed Curriculum and Instruction NONCERT	Education	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Education				
Program Change	Master of Science in: Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Bioengineering	Engineering	N/A	A

A: Approved, AC: Approved with changes, T: Tabled

V. Nancy Condemmi indicated that changes were made for “AC” items listed.

VI. A motion to approve all items at one time was approved unanimously.

VII. Dean’s Report:

- a. Dr. Floyd updated the University Graduate Council on the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) program, including participants, advisors, topics and she discussed the sponsors to date.
- b. She also discussed the [Graduate Stipend Workgroup report that was endorsed by the University Graduate Council](#).
 - Provost Perry announced to University Faculty Senate that no recurring monies for graduate students were received in this FY 17-18 budget; thus, funding for insurance or recurring stipend increases this fiscal year will not happen. Dr. Floyd emphasized that Dr. Perry requested funds and indicated that he is hopeful recurring funding will be allocated in the near future.
 - She announced that efforts are underway to award Graduate Assistants who are employed and receiving tuition waivers this Fall (2017) term will receive a one-time nonrecurring allocation of \$800.00 in their December paycheck.
- c. She also discussed an increase in the number of fellowships offered this year – Presidential, Provost and Pathways.

- d. She is working with the Provost to ensure that funds are available to faculty for the Recruitment Grant Program which provides essential support for faculty as they recruit to fill the fellowships.
- e. She said she was pleased that FAU has expanded the Undergrad Scholarship for high achieving students to include graduate school coverage if the student completes his or her undergraduate degree in less than four years. This change is effective with the Fall 2018 class and will be very useful for recruiting. The Graduate College team is preparing a flyer so faculty will have detailed information about this addition for recruiting purposes.
- f. Dr. Floyd also announced that some of the Financial Aid fee money graduate students pay may be used beginning next year for a new merit and need based fellowship program. The details about eligibility, processes and the name is forthcoming. She asked for volunteers to assist and Dr. Ken Dawson-Scully offered to help. Arthur Sementelli suggested offering this fellowship to part-time Graduate Assistants

VIII. Fred Bloetscher announced the new Program Change Request forms, New Course Proposal forms and Course Change Request forms on Graduate Programs Committee website and will be required for submission starting January 1, 2018.

- a. Approved unanimously

IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

The next meeting of the University Graduate Council is November 8, 2017