

**University Graduate Council
December 11, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, Education; Arthur Sementelli, CDSI; Dawn Froom, Library; Christopher Beetle, Science; Mihaela Cardei, Engineering; Marianne Porter, Science; Clifford Brown, A&L; Darren Pikul, GPSA; Adam Bradford, GPC Chair, A&L; Ali Danesh, Education; David Newman, Nursing.

Others Present: Robert Stackman, Graduate College; Brian Farrell, Graduate College.

Absent: Mahyar Shirazi, Medicine; Anita Pennathur, Business; Sabrina Sembiente, Education; Ramesh Teegavarapu, Engineering; Manny Gonzalez, CDSI.

- I.** Meeting called to order by UGC Chair, Paul Peluso, at 2:00 pm.
- II.** The minutes from the last UGC meeting on November 6th were unanimously approved.
- III.** The below items/curriculum proposals were reviewed:

New Curriculum Proposals for December 11, 2019

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: Library, Science				
Course Change	ARC5328: Advanced Architectural Design 1	CDSI	6	AC (Changes Made)
Course Change	ARC5352: Comprehensive Design Project	CDSI	6	AC (Changes Made)
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Education				
New Course	BME6585: Advanced Topics in Microfluidics and BioMEMS	Engineering	3	AC (Changes Made)
New Course	EML6451: Advanced Energy Conversion Processes and Systems	Engineering	3	AC (Changes Made)
Program Change	Energy Resilience Graduate Certificate	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	Master of Science with Major in Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	Master of Science with Major in Civil Engineering	Engineering	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Medicine, Business, Engineering				
Program Change	PhD in Nursing	Nursing	N/A	A

Reviewers by College: Medicine, Business, Engineering				
Program Change	PhD in Experimental Psychology	Science	N/A	AC (Changes Made)
Program Change	PhD in Mathematics	Science	N/A	AC (Changes Made)

- IV.** All agenda items recommended by the GPC were unanimously approved by UGC to move forward to the Steering meeting on January 16, 2020.
- V.** GPSA Announcements – Darren Pikul
- a. Darren mentioned the upcoming Graduate Research Day scheduled for April, 2020.
 - b. GPSA is looking into changes to the travel policy for Graduate students.
 1. GPSA will keep UGC “in the loop” if any assistance is required.
- VI.** Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, mentioned that the motion from the last UGC meeting, concerning Consent vs. Action Items, was approved by the Senate.
- VII.** Discussion of Merit Bonus Program – Dr. Stackman, Dean of the Graduate College
- a. Is there funding for this?
 1. Not through the Graduate College but possibly through the Office of the President.
 - b. This goes hand-in-hand with the push to add health insurance for Graduate students.
 1. Current premium is approximately \$3,041.00, with a 7% increase in the new year.
 2. Coverage for approximately 1,000 Graduate students.
 3. FAU would pay 75% of the total premium.
 4. The Graduate College would contribute \$500K & and the money from Presidential and Provost Fellowships. Each of the colleges would be asked to contribute as well.
 5. The following questions was raised: Could the “cost savings” from reclassifying out-of-state students as in-state, for tuition purposes, be used for funding health insurance!
 - i. The CFO says “No”. It’s a loss!
 - ii. So where is the money going?
 - iii. Adam Bradford, GPC Chair, A&L: The Office of the President is the final word on how the budget is allocated. This is where these concerns should be addressed!
 - iv. Dr. Stackman: Once the Tuition Waiver Allocations Committee submits it’s report to the Provost, it will be shared with UGC.
 6. UGC consensus was that this issue should be brought before the Senate, possibly as a new resolution:

- i. Motion that the differential between in-state and out-of-state fees should be used, as other SUS universities have and are doing, to offset the cost of Graduate Health Insurance and any costs savings be used to the benefit of Graduate Students and the academic enterprise at the University.
- ii. Move to postpone action on this motion until wording is finalized.

VIII. Research Space Assignment Policy

- a. A review by the colleges should be instituted in order to present a unified response from both Undergraduate & Graduate entities to the Senate.
- b. Christopher Beetle, Science: This document is based on a much larger research footprint than what currently exists at FAU.
 1. He proposed scrapping this policy and coming up with a new one which involves input from the Deans.

IX. Graduate College Governance Document

- a. Christopher Beetle: Felt that Sec. D.1. and D.4. need additional wordsmithing.
- b. Leave committee members at 3.
- c. Regarding the policy on background check:
 1. HR says everyone has to go through a background check.
- d. Adam Bradford: Instructors could be approved as Graduate faculty.

X. Meeting adjourned by UGC Chair, Paul Peluso at 3:31 pm

The next University Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2020