

**University Graduate Council Minutes
December 12, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Ken Dawson Scully, GPC Chair, Science; Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, Education; Marianne Porter, Science; Clifford Brown, A&L; Dawn Froom, Library; Valentine Aalo, Engineering; Sabrina Sembiane, Education; Adam Bradford, A&L; Mihaela Cardei, Engineering; Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi, Medicine; Hannah Baker, GPSA;

Others Present: Nancy Condemi, Graduate College; Khaled Sobhan, Interim Dean of the Graduate College; Brian Hodge, Registrar; Manny Gonzalez, CDSI; Joy McClellan, CDSI; Christian Declé, Graduate College; Daniel Gropper, Business; Vegar Wiik, Business; Ken Johnson, Business; Bret Danilowicz, Provost;

Absent: Eric Dumbaugh, CDSI; Arthur Sementelli, CDSI; Ali Danesh, Education; David Newman, Nursing; Anita Pennathur, Business;

- I.** Meeting called to order Dr. Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, at 2:05 pm.
- II.** The minutes from the last UGC meeting on November 14th, 2018 were unanimously approved.
- III.** The below curriculum proposals were reviewed from the December 5th GPC meeting:

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Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: CDSI, Nursing				
Course Change	MUG6306- Applied Graduate Orchestral Conducting	A&L	N/A	A
Course Change	MUS6906- Directed Independent Study	A&L	N/A	A
Program Change	Master of Music	A&L	N/A	AC (changes made)
*Program Change	MA in LLCL	A&L	N/A	A
Program Change	Master of Music	A&L	N/A	AC (changes made)
Reviewers by College: Education, Library				
New Self-Supporting Program	Doctor of Philosophy with Major in Business Administration: Executive	Business	N/A	A

Program Change	Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management Graduate Certificate	Business	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Library, Science				
Program Change	Master of Public Administration (MPA)	CDSI	N/A	A
Program Change	Master of Social Work	CDSI	N/A	A
Program Change	Doctor of Social Work Degree Program	CDSI	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: A&L, Education				
New Course	CGN5937- Graduate Seminar	Engineering	0	AC (changes made)
New Course	CGS5937- Graduate Seminar	Engineering	0	AC (changes made)
New Course	EML5937- Graduate Seminar	Engineering	0	AC (changes made)
Program Change	Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management Graduate Certificate	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	MS in Comp. Sci., Comp. Eng., Electrical Eng., Bioengineering PhD in Comp Sci., Comp. Eng., Electrical Eng.	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	MS Bioengineering, PhD Computer Science, PhD Computer Engineering, PhD Electrical Engineering	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	MS Civil Engineering	Engineering	N/A	AC (changes made)
Program Change	MS Civil Engineering	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	Ocean and Mechanical Engineering PhD Programs	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	Ocean and Mechanical Engineering MS and PhD Programs	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	Ocean and Mechanical Engineering MS & PHD Programs	Engineering	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science				
Course Change	BMS6017- Foundations of Medicine	Medicine	N/A	A

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

**Approved by the Catalog Revision Committee (CRC)*

Additional Discussion Items

Documents	Centralized GA/GRA/GTA Offer Letter	Graduate College
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- IV.** Nancy Condemi confirmed all the appropriate changes were made.
- V.** The above curriculum items were approved unanimously to move forward to the Steering meeting on January 17th.
- VI.** Graduate College Interim Dean's Report:
 - a. Dr. Sobhan announced the following:
 - i. Recruitment grants were disbursed to the college and that 100% of the requests were honored.
 - ii. Spring orientation was last week with an attendance of about 50 students and the next orientation will be on January 2nd.
 - iii. GTA training workshop is on January 4th.
 - iv. The Executive SWAT meeting went well.
- VII.** Paul Peluso shared a recommendation to the council members from what he has experienced with Steering and Senate meetings:
 - a. When programs are presenting new programs or changes to a program, be sure to have a representative there to answer any questions at the Steering and Senate meetings. Otherwise, if no one is present from the college (or cannot answer the question about the program) the change gets sent to Senate "without recommendation" from Steering.
 - b. The council discussed topics to bring up when Provost arrives:
 - i. Graduate Student stipends and health insurance
 - ii. Funding for presidential awards that were awarded last year
- VIII.** Discussion with Bret Danilowicz (Provost):
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Paul Peluso explained the purpose of GPC/UGC and how its main role is to improved Graduate student lives and curriculums.
 - i. He also explained that FAU is mostly Undergraduate student focused and the council's hope is that the Provost can be an advocate for Graduate students.
 - c. The Provost addressed the Graduate student health care insurance issue and expressed that we are the only University in Florida that does not offer health insurance to graduate students.
 - i. This is a priority for him and announced that there has been a request to legislation from FAU.
 - d. The Provost addressed the following with the council:
 - i. Post-Doctoral programs are under pressure to grow, however a lot or miss-coded.

- ii. Encouraged colleges to think of ways to grow graduate programs.
- iii. Integrating co-ops into graduate programs for students
- iv. The 5 year SACS report, Quality Enhancement Plan does not focus on graduate students
- v. The advocate for faculty is through the Senate meetings every month.
 - 1. Encouraged members to join and speak about their concerns.
- e. Hannah Baker inquired how GPSA can stay involved or take action and inquired of any other committees that graduate students can be involved with or join.
 - i. The Provost asked Khaled Sobhan to find out if there are any other committees.
 - ii. Khaled Sobhan agreed he would work with Hannah to keep them involved.
- f. Adam Bradford addressed the issue of the presidential fellowships that were awarded a couple years ago offering more money to support students and how it is unsustainable to do so now and inquired how we are proceeding with these students?
 - i. The Provost assured he is working with the Graduate College Interim Dean to keep those commitments and also noted that he is trying to change the culture where if we make a commitment we make sure there is a budget and a plan of where the money is coming from first.
- g. Ken Dawson-Scully mentioned the graduate student stipends and how Art & letters has a very low minimum which Adam Bradford agreed and mentioned how it is difficult to be competitive with such a low minimum.
 - i. The Provost was concerned of how to put in order of importance that issue as well as low faculty pay, low adjunct pay, etc. He mentioned that maybe we the colleges could show how a higher stipend would tie to metrics or link rankings and US initiatives or make it a US report top speaking point.
 - ii. Paul Peluso expressed that should not be a problem for them especially for those who teach IFP classes or who have a lot of graduate students
 - iii. The Provost reiterated that he is not dismissing the importance of the issue and that it is critical, the obstacle is the fact that the state alone focuses on undergrad.
 - iv. Adam Bradford inquired if colleges had authority over their internal budgets and the Provost encouraged and supported it.
 - v. The Provost also mentioned that FAU has very little continuing education programs while other colleges have many and strongly encouraged the colleges to change the programs to continuing education to attract more money and students. This would also financially empower the college to do new things.
 - 1. Ken Dawson-Scully asked what the push-back is like for continuing education programs.
 - a. The Provost- These programs go through the Board of Trustees rather than Board of Governors in which the trustees are supportive of these programs. Ken asked where

the money goes in which the Provost answered mostly back to the college.

2. The programs have to already exist and the in-state tuition raised
 - a. Adam Bradford asked if the degree awarded looks the same as a regular program.
 - i. It was confirmed that they look the same.
 3. Ken Johnson assured the college was making great strides with their continuing education programs.
- vi. Paul Peluso wrapped up the discussion with the Provost and thanked him for coming.
1. Provost thanked the council and mentioned he would love to come to a few of the council meetings if they would like him back.
 2. The Provost left the meeting.
- vii. Paul Peluso asked if there was any feedback from the council.
1. There was continued discussion on the continuing education programs.
 - a. Daniel Gropper offered advice on how these programs benefit the college and how to think like a private university.
 - b. Adam Bradford's concern was that the market was too competitive and that student's would not pay more to come to the programs.

IX. Meeting adjourned by Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, at 3:54 p.m.

The next University Graduate Council meeting is January 30, 2019.