

**Florida Atlantic University
University Graduate Council (UGC)
Minutes
October 17, 2012**

Present: Deborah L. Floyd, Education; Charles Roberts, Science; Elwood Hamlin II, CDSI; Nancy Poulson, Arts & Letters; William Rhodes, Engineering; Gail Burnaford, Education; Noemi Coltea, GSA; Ramon Garcia-Areas, GSA; Allen Smith, Business; Colin Hughes, Science; David Newman, Nursing; Ron Nyhan, CDSI; Khaled Sobhan, Engineering

Others Present: Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Barbara Bebergal, Division of Research; Susan Fulks, Graduate College; Christopher Beetle, Science; Paige Garrido, Division of Research

Absent: Mahyar Nourishirazi, Medicine; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; LaTasha Lee; GSA

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. Deborah Floyd.

I. Call to Order and Sign In.
Chair Deborah Floyd, Council Members and Guests

II. Approval of UGC Minutes from September, 2012.

Action: The minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

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

Memo	Add Videoclip Component to Application for Master's Degree/ LLCL	A & L	N/A	N/A
Proposal	Program Revision for Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S)	Education	N/A	N/A
Memo	Catalogue Change Related to Prerequisites for NGR 7738	Nursing	3	N/A
Memo	Graduate Website Change	Nursing	N/A	N/A

ANG 6306	Ethnographic Perspectives on Health	A & L	3	New
ARH 6015	History and Ceramics	A & L	4	New
MMC 6646	Political Economy of the Media	A & L	3	New
ARC 5272	Professional Practice II	CDSI	3	Change

ARC 5271	Professional Practice I	CDSI	3	Change
CCJ 6056	Criminology	CDSI	3	Change
CCJ 6902	Foundations Readings in the Criminal Justice Process	CDSI	3	Change
CCJ 6021	Corrections	CDSI	3	Change
CCJ 6046	Juvenile Justice	CDSI	3	Change
CCJ 6142	Restorative Community Justice	CDSI	3	Change
CCJ 6456	Leadership and Future Issues in Criminal Justice Agencies	CDSI	3	Change
CCJ 6485	Public Policy Models	CDSI	3	Change
EDG 6622	Documentation and Assessment in Curriculum and Instruction	Education	3	New
EDF 6615	Teaching African American Students	Education	3	Change

A. All action and consent agenda items were approved by the council.

IV. Announcements (opportunities for leading seminars and other)

Paige Garrido asked the council to submit names of professors wanting to teach Graduate Workshops in the spring. There is a stipend attached.

V. Strategic Planning and Measurement Metrics

Dr. Rosson said that the latest work is to begin a timeline and process to meet the metrics. An email went out for volunteers to work on the committee. Several items are related to Graduate Education.

Items of concern:

- B2
 1. To improve grad completion rate, graduation rates. (% if completions)
 2. The number of GA s.
 3. Advising, the number of tenured track faculty.

- B4
 1. Increase level of doctoral degrees outside of professional doctorates.
 2. Provide competitive stipends.

Dr. Rosson also said that the Strategic Plan, Metrics for Academics is on the website. A copy will be sent to the council. There are also working groups. Members of the UGC can be in a group.

VI. Graduate Tuition Benefits Proposed Policy Change

Dr. Rosson said that the budget would be college based. Each college would have a budget based on prior use. There will be a working group to discuss procedures. They may separate GTAs from the OPS budget.

Implementation may begin with the spring semester budget construction. No decisions have been made. Items of concern: The financial impact and savings, GAs outside academic colleges (departments paying the tuition portion for them may become a requirement) and a clear definition for GTAs and GAs is needed.

Current students may be grandfathered in.

Dr. Rosson asked that progress on suggestions for tuition benefits changes be brought back to council. A working group should be formed.

Catalog changes through Maria Jennings in the Office of the Registrar were discussed. A revised list of requirements will be distributed by Susan Fulks. Dr. Floyd asked that a committee be formed to decide major and minor issues and what will go before the council and/or steering.

Dr. Poulson discussed the termination of the Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies being terminated by the BOT. She asked for a motion to reaffirm the faculty's right to determine all rights to the curriculum before a program is terminated. The final version stated at the meeting is below;

Document-Resolution

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Brenda Claiborne, Professor and Provost
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Dr. William McDaniel, Professor and University Faculty Senate President
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FROM: Dr. Deborah L. Floyd, Professor and University Graduate Council Chair
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RE: University Graduate Council Resolution Regarding Program Terminations

DATE: October 19, 2012

This memorandum is sent to you on behalf of the University Graduate Council concerning the Spring, 2012 processes and action resulting in the termination of specific graduate programs. Per the "Graduate College Governance Document" which was adopted by the University Graduate Faculty, the "...academic authority of the Graduate Faculty shall be vested in the University Graduate Council respecting appropriate collegial relationships with the University Faculty Senate and college faculty assemblies." During our October 17, 2012 meeting the University Graduate Council, appropriately discussed the April, 2012 termination of certain graduate programs, the June 4, 2012 Provost's Memorandum titled "Academic Program Termination Inactive Program Notification (supersedes 12/23/11 Memorandum)", and the role of the University Graduate Council. The UGC unanimously passed the following resolution:

"The University Graduate Council (UGC) is disappointed that not all policies of the University Graduate Governance Document and the University were followed regarding the Spring, 2012 termination of certain graduate programs. The UGC reminds all parties that the policies and practices for appropriate academic review of programs by faculty prior to termination should be respected and followed. Further, the UGC insists that Graduate Faculty governance processes and practices for review and sign off regarding academic and curricular matters be honored and respected. Going forward, the University Graduate Council requests that the routing signatures for termination of programs be the same as those for other academic matters (such as course and program changes) requiring signatures of the University Graduate Programs Committee Chair, the University Graduate Council Chair and the Graduate College Dean prior to consideration by the University Faculty Senate and the Provost."

This resolution of concern is respectfully submitted on behalf of the University Graduate Council. The Council members request that Academic Deans be informed of our concerns. Thus, The UGC would appreciate the Provost sharing our concerns with Deans and others as deemed appropriate. Thank you

Copy: Dr. Barry Rosson, Professor and Graduate College Dean
Members, University Graduate Council; Members, University Graduate Programs Committee

VII. Meeting Adjourned 4:00 pm.