

**University Graduate Council (UGC)
Florida Atlantic University**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015
2:00 p.m.**

Student Support Services Bldg., SU-80, Room 132

Notes

Present: Chris Beetle, Science; Frederick Bloetscher, Engineering and Computer Science; Fred Fejes, Arts & Letters; Elwood Hamlin, II, CDSI; Ken Johnson, Business; William McDaniel, Business; David Newman, Nursing; Paul Peluso, Education and UGC Chair; Charles Roberts, Science and GPC Chair; Jason Robison, GPSA;

Others Present: Dianne Wright, Education; Graduate College staff attending: Deborah Floyd, Dean; Susan Fulks, Associate Dean; Althia Ellis, Assistant to the Dean; Nancy Diamond, Admissions/Registrar Officer

Absent: Mahyar Nouri-Shirazi, Medicine; Joanne Parandjuk, Library; Rachel Santos, CDSI; Zhixiao Xie, Science; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering and Computer Science

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Dr. Paul Peluso.

I. Call to Order and Sign In

Dr. Peluso welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Agenda (distributed in advance)

The agenda was unanimously approved by the council

III. Approve Minutes from the February Meeting (attached and distributed in advance)

The meeting notes were unanimously approved by the council.

IV. Navitas

Michele Hawkins, Associate Provost for Planning and Finance, gave an update on the Navitas at FAU program. The College of Science, College of Business, and College of Engineering have programs that have agreed to accept students who have completed the Pathway program. They enter as non-degree seeking students and after they have satisfied all of the requirements, they are accepted into the graduate program. Dr. Hawkins

shared Navitas' track record and the thorough vetting process the organization went through before being selected by FAU.

She clarified that department Chairs and their staff have the flexibility of adjusting Form 4 – Admission Decision, to suit their departments' needs. Should any student fail to meet the academic requirements during their time in the PMP, Navitas, not FAU, will be responsible for dismissing the student from the program.

While Navitas is sending FAU direct admits as well, FAU is planning on doing its own direct recruiting of international students.

The council will revisit the PAR process in the fall.

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

- 1) Curriculum** – recommendations for approval prior to forwarding to University Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Refer to attached action and consent agendas.

Action Agenda

Motion: To approve the new certificate in Postsecondary Academic Coaching.

With some discussion about whether or not the item is considered a program change, and two abstentions, the council approved the item as is.

Motion: To approve the DNP to PhD Degree Option.

The council approved the item.

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the consent agenda.

There was some discussion on whether an item should be classified as an action item or a consent item. There was a recommendation to move one consent agenda item to the action agenda: College of Science, Doctor of Philosophy in Integrative Biology.

The council unanimously approved the consent agenda without this item.

Motion: To move the College of Science, Doctor of Philosophy in Integrative Biology program change to the action agenda.
The council unanimously approved moving the item to the action agenda.

University Graduate Programs Committee: Action Agenda- March 18, 2015

1. College of Education

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
Program Change	Certificate in Postsecondary Academic Coaching	N/A		

2. Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
Program Change	DNP to PHD Degree Option	N/A		

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1. Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters:

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
Program Change	MA with Major in History (Thesis Option)	N/A		
Program Change	Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature	N/A		
LIN 6128	Historical Linguistics	3		
LIN 6707	Psycholinguistics	3		
Program Change	Masters in English	N/A		

2. College of Science

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
Program Change	Doctor of Philosophy Integrative Biology	N/A		

3 College of Education

	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering

ADE 6268	Leading Adult and Professional Learning in Schools	3		
ADE 6285	Grant Writing and Program management for Adult	3		
EDA 6507	Clinical Evaluation	3		
EDA 6508	Evaluation and Leadership Theory for Educational Leaders	3		
ADE 6684	Assessment, Planning and Sustainability with Geospatial Technologies	3		
ADE 6695	Sustainability Leadership for ACE Entrepreneurs & Change Agents	3		
MHS 5340	College Readiness, Engagement and Success Skills	3		
SPA 6438	Genetics of Communication Disorders	3		
EEX 6608	Ethics Applied Behavior Analysis	3		
MHS 5401	Principles of Academic Advising	3		
MHS 5620	Organization and Administration of Academic Advising	3		
MHS 5608	Appreciative Advising and Helping Skills for Academic Advisors	3		
Program Change	MS Degree in Exercise Science and Health Promotions	N/A		

2) **Other** - matters regarding curriculum the UGPC wishes to discuss.

No other matters regarding curriculum were presented.

VI. Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Graduate Governance Document

The number of affiliate faculty is greater than the number of tenured faculty; hence, the department wants to limit the role of affiliate faculty to voting on issues pertaining to their service on Master's and Ph.D. committees.

Motion: To limit the voting rights of affiliate faculty to their roles on Master's and Ph.D. committees.

The council approved the change to the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science Graduate Governance Document.

VII. UGC Due Process Sub-Committee

There was some discussion about the flowchart for the process of the code of academic integrity and the academic dismissal of students from a graduate degree program.

A revision is suggested for Regulation 4.001 - Code of Academic Integrity, Section 4(A) Penalties. Code of Conduct needs to be strengthened.

The UGC Chair will prepare a document addressing the distinction between code of conduct violation and academic integrity violation.

VIII. Graduate Dean's Report

1) Provost's Memorandum Review – Dismissal of Graduate Students

The revised policy is on the Provost's desk awaiting his signature.

2) Background Checks Update– Affiliate Faculty

The revised policy is on the Provost's desk awaiting his signature.

3) Metrics, Data, and Reports

The dean distributed several reports including the metrics that track the number of graduates in areas of strategic emphasis.

IX. Announcements

The Chair announced that this was the last UGC meeting for the academic year. Meetings resume in August 2015.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.