

**Florida Atlantic University
University Graduate Council
Minutes
September 8, 2010**

Present: Deborah Floyd, Education; Ronald Nyhan, CDSI; Susan Folden, Nursing; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Khaled Sobhan, Engineering; George Morales, GSA; Charles Roberts, Science; Ben Lowe, Arts & Letters; Shirley Gordon, Nursing; Valerie Bryan, Education; Massimo Caputi, Biomedical Science; Xupei Huang, Biomedical Science; Elwood Hamlin II, CDSI;

Absent: Andrew Furman, Arts and Letters; Stuart Glazer, Arts & Letters;

Others Present: Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Barbara Bebergal, Graduate College;

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Nyhan.

I. Approve Minutes from April 28, 2010 Meeting.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Welcome Members of UGC.

Nyhan welcomed the council members back.

III. Election of 2010/2011 Chairs.

a. UGPC

Roberts nominated Floyd to be Chair of the UGPC and Bryan seconded the nomination. The council unanimously approved.

b. UGC

Floyd nominated Nyhan to be Chair of the UGC and Folden seconded the nomination. The council unanimously approved.

IV. Outstanding Graduate Council Business – Tabled or Unresolved from 2009/10.

a. Graduate Faculty Governance Policies:

A. College of Arts and Letters

Needs to write a governance document.

B. College of Science

Working on document hopefully to be finished by October 2010.

b. Courtesy Appointments to Supervisory Committees

Council asks Provost to write a new memo eliminating background checks. Rosson will meet with Provost and ask for a letter on requirements for Courtesy Appointments.

c. Dissenting Vote(s) of Student Defense

Tabled

d. Change of Members on Supervisory Committees

Tabled

e. Graduate Certificate Designations on Transcripts

Council will invite Harry Demik to discuss this issue.

f. Due Process Rights for Graduate Students

Tabled – Sub Committee of UGC will act as whole to deal with Due Process Rights until a work plan is formed with a chair.

V. Work Plan for 2010/11.

Nyhan discussed flow chart with UFS resolution. Nyhan wants to determine the responsibility of the GPC and UGC.

Nyhan charges the council to decide the actual reasons that the UFS established these committees and have documents written to list the charges for approval by the UFS.

Rosson believes policy should come from the faculty. The governance document helps to make decisions.

Four council members will serve on a committee to write a document of GPC and UGC responsibilities to go to the UFS by the end of fall semester. Floyd, Folden, Zilouchian and Roberts will serve.

Nyhan also discussed the value of Graduate Education at FAU. How should the council promote Graduate Education at FAU. Nyhan charges the council to consider how to make Graduate Education better for the students.

Floyd suggests that GSA concerns for graduate students be first on future agendas.

Rosson would like to know time to degree and attrition information.

Is it family, financial, stipends, fellowships or insurance?

Nyhan will invite President Saunders to meet with the UGC to discuss Graduate Education.

VI. Other Business

Expect email from Nyhan to all council members.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

