

Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Meeting Minutes

WebEx Meeting 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Attendees

Members present: E. Bennett, J. Park, M. DeDonno, T. Hindle, D. Mitsova, E. Williams, F. Bloetscher, C. Krause-Parello, D. Chamely-Wiik, D. Meeroff

Others present: P. Sampedro-OURI

I. Approve November 18, 2021- Meeting Minutes

Motion approved by C. Krause-Parello, second T. Hindle

II. Research Certificate Updates

- a. DCW summarized the UG Research Certificate process for the members who were not on the previous meeting and welcome Dr. Bloetscher from ENG&CS to the committee.

All the certificate process should be handled by college advisors and URCC will oversee approving the petition for waiver or substitution. A summary of current activities is presented below.

- 4 UG Research certificates were awarded on Fall 2021 as part of OURI pilot program
 - 7 more applications have been received for Spring 2022
 - Petition for waiver or substitution form was developed in Fall.
 - We continue working on edits to the UG Certificate DARS and testing it out with the college advisors as well as development of advising materials and student training materials.
- b. **DCW** – presented an update with what we have been finding with a new certificate
- Advisors are a little be uncomfortable with a new certificate and keep referring to OURI with any student who doesn't fully satisfy the criteria.
 - Every student scenario is individualistic and requires individual problem solving
 - DCW asked the committee help to refine the certificate so a year from now we have less petition for substitutions.
 - Patricia and I will meet to list all the challenges that we were having and bring them to our next meeting, so we can brainstorm solutions
- c. Dean Meeroff – will be meeting with the Advising Directors Committee, and the college advisors separately this month to talk about the UG research certificate program.

- First, advisors are going to find out students who are eligible running a report of any student at their college that has taken and RI designated course or a DIR course, with a column for students registered for the symposium course
 - Advisors will contact these students to review what requisite is missing to get the certificate and if they have to file a petition for waiver/substitution
 - This committee works on the student side, and Dr. Meeroff will work on the advisor's side. Please let me know if you find any barriers or roadblocks, so we can work together to find a solution
- d. **DCW presented on the usage of the IDS course affiliated with the UGR Symposium** – Once the students abstracts are accepted for this year's symposium, OURI will send out an email announcing the launch of the UG Research Certificate, letting them know that if they are presenting at the symposium, they might be eligible. Adding the link for the UG Certificate guidelines and asking them to run their own DARS report and register for the IDS Course.

III. **Provost Advisory Meeting Follow up.**

- a. There was a recommendation to include an ethics component to the certificate as requirement and not as an option of a course. In terms of availability of Ethics components related to FAU and the Certificate, there are a few things already included
- DOR pays for CITI training, every student on federal grant must do CITI training, but this is more geared to the sciences.
 - D. Meeroff – the easy option should be to require CITI or some kind of ethics component
 - In Skill building there is an Ethics course from the college of education, which is an option, but we cannot pipeline everybody because the cost may not be eligible.
 - Committee members provided the following feedback
 - JYP- In her course she only requires doing the Social Science Behavior component
TH – Do CITI training requirements, but a limited number of modules not all of them
EW – The SLO's already addressed Ethics. Counter argument is that ethics component is already included in RI Designation as mandatory.
DCW – Yes RI require Ethics, and is a primary requirement of the Research certificate.
DIR however is left up to the faculty mentors.

Outcome of Discussion: Recommendation of the committee that the existing requirements for ethics within the certificate is are rigorous enough and that the timing to make substantial visible edits to a new initiative is not ideal. Motion to tabling adding ethics component by FB and seconded by JYP

IV. **Updates to the Research Certificate for UUPC – when and how**

- a. Cross listing BS/MS Courses
- i. Account for Cross listed courses. If we are not adding anything to the certificate, these courses will be added to the research cluster
D. Meeroff – there is a proposal to eliminate any restrictions of UG students taking 5000 level courses. There is a restrictions in the catalog. The student must have 3.0 GPA and prior approval from the department
DCW – we should wait until UUPC decides what to do with this courses
Motion to wait until UUPC decision about cross-listed courses by F. Bloetscher. and D. Mitsova

- b. Adding courses to the Research certificate
 - DCW, Tony Ambrosio and Ed Prat proposed 5 courses for the Research cluster
 - i. Research Exposure IFP courses and IFP Research Cluster courses – synergy with missing courses
 - 1. Introductory Statistics: STA 2023
 - M. DeDonno gives them marketable skills
 - 2. Social Problems: SYG 2010
 - E. Bennett, this course is focused on the theory and research related to social problems
 - D. Meeroff – Introductory Statistics was an oversight which should be corrected. SYG 2010 – he recalls originally, there was an issue with Nursing.
 - ii. DCW will follow up with Joy Longo who is in charge of UG Studies in Nursing, and Tony Ambrosio before taking them to UUPC. If approved, we may submit a request to UUPC to modify the certificate to include the SYG 2010 course
 - iii. DCW requested motion to send STA 2023 to UUPC for inclusion in the Research Skill building, and SYG 2010 pending discussions with Nursing and CCC committee.
 - C. Motion to send to UUPC by Krause-Parello

IV. Current petitions in Spring 22 UG Research Certificate

- i. FAUHS/SCI - Numana Luqman – Requested waiver for Symposium, she presented at FAU UG Research Symposium Spring 2021 and won first place in her category. Missing one credit. Patricia will get back to her with the committee recommendations
- ii. SCI – Vanessa Stubbs – Requested waiver for external presentation at U. Michigan UG research symposium.
- iii. Motion to approved: F. Bloetscher. and E. Bennett.

Meeting adjourned: 1:51 pm