

**Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Zoom Meeting 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm**

**Attendees**

Members present: F. Bloetscher, E. Williams, E. Bennett, L. Chiang-Hanisko, D. Mitsova, T. Hindle, D. Chamely-Wiik, and D. Meeroff

Others present: J. Krill, P. Sampedro, and J. Soberon

Chair: D. Chamely-Wiik

Approval of 10/26/2023 minutes moved to second item to accommodate J. Krill who was at a conference.

**I. Courses submitted for RI Designation**

- a. FAUHS/HON - J. Krill PCB 4832C RI: Honors Neurophysiology  
Dr. Krill explained the content of the course, this is an honors research-intensive course. Students will learn through both theory and practical laboratory experiences and then translate their findings into modular reports.  
Some of the students' articles from this course will be submitted for publications.  
Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher and L. Chiang-Hanisko, all in favor.
- b. FAUHS/HON - J. Krill PCB 4054C RI: Honors Drosophila Genes and Behavior  
Similar format to the previous course, students learn about electrophysiology, developed larger independent projects. They will learn how to collect, analyze, and derive significance from scientific data.  
Committee recommended to add minimum qualifications to teach the course to the new course proposal form.  
DCW-Let us know how the students react to this metric.  
Dr. Krill will send updated new course form to OURI by Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion to approve: T. Hindle and F. Bloetscher, all in favor.
- Dean Meeroff conversation on how to use AI the right way.  
Top 5 courses with high percentage of DFW rates:
  1. ENC 1101
  2. POL SCI
  3. ENC 1102
  4. CALCULUS
  5. GEN. CHEM 1

FAU does not have a policy on AI yet.

**II. Approve October 26, 2023 - meeting minutes.**

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher and E. Bennett, all in favor.

**III. RI Matrix Table for SLO's, should this be a required document for all RI Designation applications?**

DCW shared screen with a template that she created based on Dr. Meeroff RI matrix and asked the members if this matrix should be mandatory to all RI Designated courses?

- a. Committee agreed that this should be use as a guiding tool/document and not required. E. Williams recommended to change the top titles of the matrix template with the word "Example."

Motion to approve: E. Williams and D. Mitsova, all in favor.

- b. Matrix should be a requirement for all RI 5-year review courses.

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher and E. Williams

**IV. Spring 2024 Support for faculty teaching RI Designated courses, 3 applicants:**

- T. Hindle – GEA4275 - CEE application – students enrolled 18 out of 25 seats.  
1 CEE of \$750.00

NOTE: For future RI 5-year review courses, reviewers will look for 40% of course grade link to the RI project. Use new approved matrix for RI 5-year review courses. This will apply to T. Hindle's course.

Motion to approve: E. Williams and F. Bloetscher, all in favor.

- M. Kim – EML4521 – CEE application – students enrolled 23 out of 27 seats.  
1 CEE of \$750.00

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher and E. Williams, all in favor.

- T. Meredith – EDF3913 – GRC application (3)-included 4 sections of the course.
  - 16340 - T. Hindle – students enrolled 10 out of 20 seats
  - 16341 - J. Coyle -students enrolled 16 out of 20
  - 16342 - T. Meredith – students enrolled 10 out of 20
  - 16343 - T. Hindle – students enrolled 10 out of 20

If this course enrollment (considering all sections) is met or over 50, the committee will approve an extra GRC. For now it only qualifies for two GRCs at \$750.00 each for a total of \$1,500.00.

Motion to approve: T. Hindle and F. Bloetscher, all in favor.

- V.** DCW gave UUPC, Steering and Senate updates.

**Meeting adjourned: 1:41 pm**