



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

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## Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

### Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees:

Members present: E. Bennett, E. Williams, M. DeDonno, F. Bloetscher, D. de Lill, L. Chiang-Hanisko, T. Hindle, D. Mitsova, L. Sloas, and D. Chamely-Wiik

Others present: P. Sampedro, J. Soberon.

Guests: A&L – Dr. Michael Hamilton

#### I. Courses submitted for RI designation:

A&L - Dr. M. Hamilton Course submitted for RI designation:

- LIN 4430 RI: Morphology & Syntax

Dr. Hamilton introduced himself and gave overview of the course.

He submitted the course with a New course proposal form, to allow other faculty in his department the option to teach the course without the RI Designation.

**M. DeDonno:** Inquired about additional research that includes interview with native speakers of language being studied?

**E. Williams:** Asked how research is conducted in the field?

**T. Hindle:** What do students do with the data that they collected?

**M. Hamilton:** Explained that when students work with native speakers, they gather and analyze data, compare findings, test theories, and collect evidence, particularly focusing on information not found in existing literature. He emphasized guiding students in distinguishing linguistic data from non-linguistic data.

**E. Williams:** Students work in groups or individually?

**M. Hamilton:** Students work individually and they can use other students as consultants.

**E. Bennett:** How many students enroll in class?

**M. Hamilton:** between 20 to 30 students, the course is offered every fall.

#### Committee discussion:

E. Bennet mentioned that the course will contribute to A&L UG Research Certificate.

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher, second by M. DeDonno

Abstained: L. Chiang-Hanisko,

All others in favor

#### II. Approve 11/19/2025 meeting minutes

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher, second E. Williams and L. Chian-Hanisko

All in favor



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**III. UGR Certificate – Petition for Substitution**

Student requested that a skill building course EVS 4021 Critical Thinking on Environmental Science count towards research exposure requirement for his UG Research Certificate.

Motion to approve: E. Williams, second F. Bloetscher

All in favor

**IV. Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 courses up for 5-year Review**

OURI is seeking volunteers to review two courses each - Google sign in sheet [here](#)  
Google sheet was filled out with volunteer names

**V. UG Research Certificate assessment with new accreditation agency (WEAVE)**

Needed for new assessment board.

F. Bloetscher: If the certificate is part of a program, it does not need to be assessed.

UGRC Certificate – cannot get because need to earn a degree (part of a program) to get it.

- Check with Debbie S. if is it exempt?
- F. Bloetscher will check with committee as he is part of it.
- E. Williams thinks all certificates have to be assessed.
- T. Hindle – GEO Sciences certificates do not need to be assessed.

**VI. UUPC, Steering and Senate Meeting updates:**

- ENG&CS – SUR 4463 RI: Subdivision Design - Approved

**VII. Announcements:**

- Florida Undergraduate Research Conference: 2/14-15/**2025**: at USF
- OURI Undergrad Research Symposium – Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, SFC
- DCW invited all the URCC members that are not liaisons to the Provost Advisory meeting

Adjourn: 11:12 am