

Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Members present: E. Bennett, E. Williams, M. DeDonno, T. Hindle, J. Fewkes, and D. Mitsova

In person: L. Chiang-Hanisko, and L. Sloas.

Other attendees: D. Chamely-Wiik, J. Soberon, and P. Sampedro

- Jacqueline Fewkes the new URCC member from the WHC introduced herself to M. De Donno followed by introducing himself.

I. Approve April 8th meeting minutes

Motion to approve: L. Sloas second by M. DeDonno, all in favor

II. Revise UGR Certificate Research Exposure and Research Skill building Requirements

- Research exposure -Currently up to 6
- Research Skill building – Currently up to 3

OURI emailed DARS requesting if it was possible to change the skill building requirements of the UGR Certificate to be up to 6.

We received many petition for substitution of research skill building for research exposure courses especially from transfer students.

J. Fewkes – FAU is moving next year to a system different from DARS

E. Williams – We do not have to involve DARS; let's decide what we want

OURI will provide tentative language for the next meeting.

Motion to postpone: E. Williams and L. Chiang-Hanisko

III. Submitted to UUPC – IDS4917 Vertical Integrated Projects (VIP) Research

VIP submitted a course IDS 4917 - VIP for UG/GRAD students

IV. UG Research Certificate -N. Salas - Petition for Substitution of DIS for DIR

The committee reviewed the petition and unanimously approved

Motion to approve: E. Williams and E. Bennett

V. Spring 2025 RI 5-year review courses update (attached)

Patricia will send updated spreadsheets to each committee member

VI. Announcements:

- October 17 and 18, 2025: OURI hosting the Florida Statewide Symposium
- Congratulations to Dr. Michael DeDonno on his new appointment as Associate Dean of Research
- Congratulations to Dr. Diana Mitsova – URP New Chair

- Dr. Lincoln Sloas is a member of the Provost selection committee and will advocate for UG Research.

Adjourn: 10:38 am