

Discussion Items
UUPC Meeting of October 7, 2019

1. Bachelor of General Studies

Undergraduate Studies Dean Ed Pratt presented a discussion item on behalf of the Provost. He asked if the UUPC would consider allowing Undergraduate Studies to issue the Bachelor of General Studies degree in addition to the colleges. He explained this would serve a small population of students who have amassed 120 credits (or more), have been denied graduation with a BGS by their initial college, and do not have 15 upper-division credits in a particular discipline to graduate with a BGS from another college without taking additional courses. The UUPC deliberated the pros and cons of offering a degree program under an administrative unit. Faculty would need to oversee the program; therefore, would a specific faculty committee need to be appointed to oversee it? While several committee members and guests stated the idea has merit, they warned careful implementation would be needed, especially with policies and procedures. The UUPC would like to refer this idea to the Steering Committee for further University-wide discussion.

2. Approval process for adding/removing elective courses

Honors College Representative Miguel Vázquez asked the committee a two-part approval procedure question. If a department would like to add an existing course to a list of electives that are choices or remove a non-required course from a list of electives, does this need UUPC approval? If it does require UUPC approval, then can the UUPC authorize the change or would the change need to go to Steering and UFS for approval? The committee had mixed opinions. The UUPC would like to refer these procedural questions to the Steering Committee.