

Members present (via Webex): Thomas Stollar, AL; Julia Higgs, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Dan Meeroff, EG; James Wetterer, HC; Katherine Chadwell, NU; Jerry Haky, SC; Precious Skinner-Osei, SJ; Thomas O’Brien, Library; Edward Pratt, Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Brian Hodge, Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar’s Office (RO).

Guests: Fred Bloetscher, College of Engineering; Mihaela Cardei, College of Engineering; Donna Chamely-Wiik, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI); Marshall DeRosa, Political Science; Shane Eason, Communication and Multimedia Studies; Seth Fallik, Criminology & Criminal Justice; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council (UHC); Michael Harrawood, Honors College; Terje Hill, Honors College; Robin Larson, Public Administration; Karen Leader, Visual Arts & Art History; Joy Longo, Nursing; Jon Moore, Honors College; Rainer Steinwandt, Mathematics; Debra Szabo, Provost’s Office; Hanqi Zhuang, CEECS.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

After welcoming the members and guests, Chair Jerry Haky asked for review/approval of the Committee’s minutes from its last meeting, November 9, 2020 (held on November 16). **The UUPC approved the minutes as written.** Chair Haky’s only announcement was to remind representatives to attend the Senate meeting that afternoon if they have items on the agenda and to attend the Steering meeting on January 21, 2021, if they have items being approved at today’s meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Arts and Letters

AL Rep Thomas Stollar introduced Guest Karen Leader, Visual Arts & Art History, who discussed the new Political Science course. She stated this course is the second of two courses that will train community activists. It is available to dual enrolled high school students who must specifically apply to the program. The course is associated with the Barb Schmidt Fellowship: Cultivating Community Involvement, Advocacy and Social Change. Focusing on community engagement, the course is also a recruitment tool allowing FAU students to teach it and involving experts in various fields. When asked if this will be an Academic Service Learning course for FAU, guest Leader said that the ASL designation may be added in the future. **The UUPC approved this course.**

POS 3922	Community Activism in Practice	3	New	
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2. Discussion – Honors College Curriculum

Honors College Rep James Wetterer and guests Terje Hill, Michael Harrawood and Jon Moore discussed current policy on the approval process for courses originating in the Honors College. If they need approval from other departments on the Boca campus, in the interests of transparency, they are happy to collaborate. But, they wondered, do the other departments or even the UUPC have the authority to deny their proposals? Chair Jerry Haky replied that the current policy of the Honors College sharing their proposals with other FAU departments has been in place for a long time. It is just recently that an HC proposal received a negative review. Guest Hill reiterated the HC view that they stand ready to collaborate, but can a Boca campus department object and stop an HC proposal from moving forward?

Guest Michael Harrawood offered that another department’s objection is rare and now the Honors College also sends its proposals through the review of the University Honors Council, so that is another layer of approval in place that was not in effect during the College’s early years. He added there is no poaching of Boca students to the Honors College, which seemed to be part of the original objection. Permissions are in place to restrict HC courses to HC students. In that same vein, Boca students are not

permitted to register for most HC courses. Guest Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council, reminded everyone that all Honors College courses as well as Honors versions of existing courses are approved by her group. She agreed that the current situation is unusual.

Guest Harrowood suggested that “consultation courtesy” should be practiced throughout FAU. HC Rep Wetterer shared that it seems to be a one-way street regarding the consultations. The HC must reach out to other departments, but other departments rarely reach out to the HC when proposing courses that overlap. Guest Moore shared that he was involved in a situation where the course prefix and number had to be changed (BSC 4802 to GLY 4054, on the current UUPC agenda), and stated that he also had to be credentialed to teach a GLY course. This went beyond consultation courtesy.

Chair Haky stated departments have come to an impasse on certain courses or programs in the past. In these cases, the UUPC has asked for departments to set a meeting to see if it can be resolved or the UUPC will rule on whether the objection is warranted. Engineering Rep Dan Meeroff added that no matter what, the course or curriculum in question will come to a vote by UUPC if it can’t get worked out at the department level. At that point there may be dissenting votes, but the UUPC will rule on the matter and move it forward to Steering if the item passes.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Honors College

Chair Haky suggested that the Committee now look at the Honors College’s new courses on the agenda, with the exception of GLY 4054, to be voted on individually. **The UUPC discussed and approved the new Honors College courses, except GLY 4054.**

<u>ANT 2511</u> <u>Honors approval</u> <u>Support</u>	Honors Introduction to Biological Anthropology	3	New	
<u>ANT 2511L</u> <u>Honors approval</u> <u>Support</u>	Honors Introduction to Biological Anthropology Lab	1	New	
<u>ART 4640</u> <u>Honors approval</u> <u>Support</u>	Honors Game Studies	4	New	
<u>ART 4651C</u> <u>Honors approval</u> <u>Support</u>	Honors 2D Computer Game Development	4	New	
<u>GLY 4054</u> <u>Honors approval</u> <u>Support-Geosciences</u> <u>Support-Biology</u> (originally posted as BSC 4802)	Honors Evolution of Life on Earth	3	New	
<u>INR 4503</u> <u>Honors approval</u> <u>Support</u>	Honors Advanced Diplomacy	3	New	

New Minor Honors approval Support	Digital Game Development		New	
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Taking up the GLY course, Guest Moore stated that he had communicated with other instructors, and they agreed that this course should be upper division and not IFP. As a non-IFP course, it does not compete with GLY 2100, which is an IFP course. The supporting documents from Biology and Geosciences confirm this decision. **The UUPC unanimously approved the new course.**

Lastly, HC Rep Wetterer spoke about the minor in Digital Game Development. University Registrar Brian Hodge asked if the intent is for students to take four, 4-credit courses or five courses with a variety of credit combinations. The range of credits for the minor is 16 to 20 credits. Rep Wetterer confirmed that students may complete the minor with four or five courses and a variety of credit combinations. **The UUPC approved the new minor.**

2. Arts and Letters

Guest Shane Eason, Communication and Multimedia Studies, discussed program changes in the two concentrations in the BA program in Multimedia Studies. For the concentration in Multimedia Journalism, the number of credits will be reduced from 50 to a minimum of 38. The curriculum will also be divided into three parts: Core, Production and Focus, providing a more focused approach to the concentration. He said these changes will improve time to graduation and alleviate limited faculty issues. **This program change was approved by the UUPC.**

For the concentration in Film, Video and New Media, Guest Eason shared the change entails adding another existing course to the track, providing a broader theoretical context that might be relevant to undergraduates' research and creative work. **This program change was also approved by the UUPC.**

Guest Eason then presented the new Digital Culture course that has been approved as an IFP course. He shared that this is only the second IFP course for Communication and Multimedia students. The other is FIL 2000. This addition to the IFP list will give students more flexibility. Chair Haky asked if this new course belonged in one of the new IFP clusters. Undergraduate Studies Dean Ed Pratt replied that it may be a good fit for the upcoming Artificial Intelligence cluster. He shared that clusters are being added piecemeal and cluster courses will all have an attribute added. He anticipates more clusters and courses by next semester. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

Two program changes from the School of Public Administration were considered next. Guest Robin Larson said that in the Minor in Disaster Management, a course needs to be replaced. The School of Architecture no longer offers ARC 4384, so that course would be replaced by PAD 4148. **The UUPC approved this change.**

The other program change concerned a similar course replacement in the Bachelor of Public Safety Administration degree program. The same course, ARC 4384, will be replaced by PAD 4148. **The UUPC approved the change.**

AL Rep Stollar and Guest Marshall DeRosa discussed the new political science course. They said the addition of this course to the curriculum will assist with students' research efforts as they work on their majors. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

Program Changes	BA in Multimedia Studies: Multimedia Journalism Concentration		Streamlining requirements	
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Program Change	BA in Multimedia Studies: Film, Video and New Media Concentration		Add existing course, MMC 3403, to elective choices	
Program Change	Disaster Management Minor		Replace a required course	
Program Changes	BPSA in Public Safety Administration		Replace an elective course, update contact	
DIG 2021 IFP approval	Digital Culture	3	New and Intellectual Foundations (IFP) course	
POS 3713	Understanding Political Science Research	3	New	

3. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Dan Meeroff discussed the program change in the BSCS degree first. He said the changes have come about as a result of an ABET recommendation after the accrediting agency's last visit to FAU. After a brief discussion, **these changes were approved by the UUPC.**

Next, EG Rep Meeroff stated that the course description changes to EGN 4950C are also an ABET requirement. **The UUPC approved the changes.**

Program Changes	BSCS in Computer Science and Second Bachelor's		Add new required course, reduce elective credits for BSCS; add new required course, increase Second Bachelor's credits by 3	
EGN 4950C	RI: Engineering Design 1	3	Change description	

4. Nursing

NU Rep Kitty Chadwell introduced Guest Joy Longo, Assistant Dean, to discuss two new bachelor's to master's programs. Students would complete their BSN and start the MS programs in the fall. Early in their BSN programs, advisors would discuss with students the advantages of a technology in nursing master's degree beyond their bachelor's degree. If interested, students would take engineering prerequisite courses early on.

Chair Haky asked about interest in this type of program. He found it unusual that nurses would be interested in an engineering program. Guest Longo replied that her college had done a survey that revealed some interest. This combined program will give nurses more technical experience and greater profitability, she shared. Also, similar programs exist across the US. Once approved at the undergraduate level, these proposals would move on to the graduate level and if approved, become effective fall of 2021. **The UUPC approved these new proposals.**

New Combined Program (shared with Engineering)	BSN in Nursing to MS in Artificial Intelligence		New	
New Combined Program (shared with Engineering)	BSN in Nursing to MS in Bioengineering		New	

5. College of Science

Chair Haky introduced Guest Rainer Steinwandt who described the new math course. It has letters of support from Computer & Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Complex Systems and Brain Sciences, Information Technology and Operations Management and Political Science. Guest Steinwandt added that Complex Systems and Brain Sciences is assisting with the course. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

<u>MAP 4112 Support</u>	Introduction to Methods in Complex Systems	3	New	
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6. Social Work and Criminal Justice

SJ Guest Seth Fallik began by describing program changes in Criminal Justice. All three changes are related, and occur in the same area in the University Catalog. There was confusion and the Committee asked various questions about these changes. Eventually, it was decided that the changes should appear as one change incorporating suggestions from the Committee. **The UUPC postponed the three Criminal Justice changes until the next meeting.**

The five new courses were then discussed. EG Rep Meeroff asked if the Crime Mapping course had been reviewed by Geosciences. It had not. **The UUPC postponed consideration of this new course until the next meeting to give Criminal Justice a chance to reach out to Geosciences.**

After a brief discussion, **the UUPC then approved the other four new courses.**

Program Change Postponed to next meeting	Criminal Justice 42-credit rule requirement		Remove 42-credit rule statement	
Program Change Postponed to next meeting	Criminal Justice CCJ 2002 requirement		Revise CCJ 2002 requirement	
Program Change Postponed to next meeting	Criminal Justice electives grade requirement		Change minimum grade needed for electives to a C-	
CCJ 4072 Postponed to next meeting	Crime Mapping	3	New	
<u>CCJ 4193</u>	Immigration and the Criminal Justice System	3	New	

CCJ 4632	Elders and the Criminal Justice System	3	New	
CCJ 4642	Organized Crime and the Business of Drugs (New title: Drugs and Crime)		Change course title	
CCJ 4672	Violence Against Women	3	New	

7. Business, Education and Library had no reports.

IV. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

1. The next UUPC meeting is February 1, 2021, 10 a.m. to noon, via Webex.
2. Steering Meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/steering-committee.php>
3. University Faculty Senate meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar.php>
4. Chair Haky declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.