

Members present (via Webex): Thomas Stollar, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Dan Meeroff, EG; Nicholas Baima, HC; Katherine Chadwell, NU; Korey Sorge, SC; Precious Skinner-Osei, SJ; Lawrence Mello, Library; Edward Pratt, Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Donna Chamely-Wiik, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council; Maria Jennings, Elissa Rudolph, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Shailaja Allani, Chemistry and Biochemistry; Michael Brady, Exceptional Student Education; Clarene Brown-King, Nursing; James Cunningham, Music; Stephanie Cunningham, Visual Arts and Art History; Nannetta Durnell-Uwechue, Communication and Multimedia Studies; James Gammack-Clark, Geosciences; Kris Lindbeck, Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature; Carol Mills, Communication and Multimedia Studies; Nicole Morse, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies; Dilys Schoorman, Teaching and Learning; Debra Szabo, Provost's Office; Diana Valle-Riestra, Exceptional Student Education; Kevin Wagner, Political Science; Michael Zourdos, Exercise Science and Health Promotion.

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dan Meeroff asked for any changes to the October 11, 2021 minutes. There being none, the previous meeting's minutes were approved. He also reminded Committee members that any items approved at this meeting would appear on the UFS Steering and Senate meeting agendas on November 22 and December 6, respectively. He asked those colleges with items approved to be sure a representative is present at those meetings to answer any concerns. Chair Meeroff added that at the last UFS Steering meeting, there were questions with no representative to provide answers.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Arts and Letters

AL Rep Thomas Stollar reported that the Painting 2 course termination still has issues. He requested that the item be withdrawn. **The UUPC agreed to withdraw the item.**

AL Rep Stollar introduced Guest Stephanie Cunningham to speak about GRA 3435C. She explained that this course with variable credits was split into four 1-credit courses at the 2000 level (approved at the October 11, 2021 UUPC meeting) so that students could focus on the four software applications in more depth. The four applications were addressed in the 4000-level course, making it difficult for students to focus on an individual software application. With the addition of four new courses covering the same material in concentrated form, the Technology Intensive course becomes irrelevant. **The UUPC approved the termination.**

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| ART 2501C | Painting 2 | 3 | Terminate (withdrawn) | |
| GRA 3435C | Technology Intensive | 1-4 | Terminate | |

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. University-Wide

Ed Pratt, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, shared that a survey had been sent out to University instructors to determine what we are doing currently regarding workforce skills in Intellectual Foundations Program courses and what the future should be for this effort. Results will be reported to the UUPC.

2. Arts and Letters

Political Science. AL Rep Stollar introduced Guest Kevin Wagner to discuss the new minor in Political Communication. Guest Wagner said the minor includes existing courses that are offered regularly. Guest Jaime Cunningham asked about the 12-credits required for the new minor and the recent trend of 15-credit minors being reduced to 12 credits; what is the standard, 12 or 15 credits? Guest Wagner stated

that the 12-credit total, rather than 15 credits, helps students avoid exceeding their total credits, especially if they are pursuing a credit-intensive major in another college. BA Rep Ethlyn Williams added that the minimum credit requirement for a minor is 12 credits. **The UUPC approved the new minor.**

Communication and Multimedia Studies. Guest Carol Mills discussed the new minor in Sport Studies. She stated this interdisciplinary minor has support from and will be shared with Exercise Science and Health Promotion as well as the departments of History, Sociology and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, among others. **The UUPC approved the new minor.**

Guest Mills went on to discuss a program change in her department's bachelor's degree program. Currently students are exceeding their total credits due to the 12-credit upper-division Arts and Letters cognate requirement. The College's faculty agreed to remove this requirement as it is limiting students' choices and causing overages in credit totals. She added that this requirement is no longer used by many departments in the College. It was created so that students could explore other areas of Arts and Letters, but with the many other requirements now needed for majors, this requirement is causing issues for students. **The UUPC approved the change.**

Next, Guest Nicole Morse spoke about the new FIL course, explaining that it fills a knowledge gap for students in the field of film and TV. The course was taught recently under a Special Topics course number and proved very popular. It will be an optional course in the Production Fundamentals area of the Multimedia Studies major. ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji asked if there would be catalog changes after this course is approved. Guest Nannetta Durnell-Uwechue stated that she would look into that.

The next three courses were discussed by Guest Mills and Guest Durnell-Uwechue. The JOU and PUR courses are part of the new Sport Studies minor and were included in the support documents for that minor. After the meeting, a letter from the College of Business was added to the other support documents indicating approval of these courses and the new minor. The RTV course has just a title change. **The three new courses and one course change were approved by the UUPC.**

Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature (LLCL). Guest Kris Lindbeck explained that revising the SPN 2161 course would help students from Business, Medicine and Nursing in addition to LLCL students. It covers various topics in healthcare from business, medical, or nursing perspectives. As an elective course for LLCL students, the course can be taken twice with different topics. **The UUPC approved the course changes.**

Music. The program changes in Music were discussed by Guest Jaime Cunningham. Music's accrediting body, the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), indicated that FAU's naming protocol for degree titles is not in line with other institutions. A typical FAU degree title, such as a Bachelor of Arts with Major in Music, should have the "with Major" phrase dropped, according to NASM. Guest Cunningham's program change addresses those degree title revisions. SC Rep Korey Sorge said that although the request for the degree title change is not coming from the State University System, shouldn't all degree titles follow this new convention? Guest Cunningham stated that NASM is looking for consistency among institutions in the Music major and some of the current degree titles are redundant. Others in the University are not. He also said that the program change covers striking the Guitar option from a list of Performance Concentrations under the Bachelor of Music description, among other revisions. Dean Ed Pratt asked if the Music changes all fall under the same CIP code; Registrar's Office (RO) Rep Maria Jennings said, yes, they do. **The UUPC approved the program changes in Music.**

Peace, Justice and Human Rights. Guest Dilys Schoorman spoke about creating a minor alongside the current certificate in Peace, Justice and Human Rights (PJHR) and other changes to this program. First, the current 15 credits for the certificate will be reduced to 12, which expedites students' completion of the program. "Contexts" in the program would be eliminated so that students choose between core and elective courses without an additional category of choices. Second, the proposal includes creation of a 12-

credit minor so that PJHR can serve more degree-seeking students. Financial Aid covers the expense of a minor but not a certificate, which will continue to serve non-degree-seeking students. Guest Schoorman added that the elective list for the programs has been updated with more current course offerings. ED Rep Bhagwanji asked if many of the interdisciplinary courses in the certificate and minor have prerequisites. Guest Schoorman said the committee creating the minor tried to include courses that do not have prerequisites, but some courses with prerequisites were considered a must for the program and are included. With those, notes are added to ensure students know prerequisites are required. **The UUPC approved the new minor, revisions to the elective list and changes to the certificate.**

Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. A new study abroad course was proposed by Guest Nicole Morse. It will essentially be a special topics course with variable credit and various content from institutions outside the U.S. so that students who complete study abroad may receive FAU credit. Chair Meeroff asked why the course is 2000 level instead of 4000 level? Guest Morse stated that Registrar’s Office staff recommended the number, but the department agreed because it makes sense to give lower-level credit for work done outside of the U.S. and reserve the 4000-level for courses completed at FAU. AL Rep Stollar asked who decides on the number of credits given to each student? Guest Morse stated that the director of the department makes that decision based on the work completed. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

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| New Minor | Political Communication | | New, shared by Communication and Multimedia Studies and Political Science | |
| <u>New Minor Support</u> | Sport Studies | | New, shared by Communication and Multimedia Studies and various other depts./schools | |
| Program Change | BA programs in Communication and Multimedia Studies | | Remove requirement of 12 credits of Arts and Letters upper-division courses | |
| <u>FIL 4647</u> | Production Management for Film and TV | 3 | New | |
| JOU 3313 | Sports Journalism | 3 | New | |
| PUR 3463 | Sports Communication | 3 | New | |
| RTV 3332C | Documentary Video Production (New title: Producing and Directing Documentary Film) | 4 | Change title | |
| <u>SPN 2161</u> | Spanish for Careers | 3 | Change course description, prereqs. | |
| Program Change | All Music programs: BA, BM-Commercial, BM: Performance conc., BME | | Change name of degree title and update courses in degree requirements | |
| Program Change | Peace, Justice and Human Rights Certificate (add a Minor) | | Make this certificate a minor as well, reduce credits, remove and add courses | |
| WST 2956 | Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Study Abroad | 1-4 | New | |

3. Education

ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji introduced Guest Diana Valle-Riestra, Exceptional Student Education, who discussed the new SLS courses for the College of Education's Academy for Community Inclusion certificates. A question that former UUPC Chair Jerry Haky brought up was again mentioned in this meeting – why limit the SLS courses, why not have them open to all students? There may be benefits to other students as well as the SLS students. RO Rep Jennings offered that a line could be added to the new course forms and syllabi to indicate they're open to all students. Guest Michael Brady added that other courses have had challenges as to their limited audiences also, such as a First Aid course in Exercise Science and Health Promotion. Students in other departments and colleges have wanted to take that course but were not able to do so. It was agreed that a line would be added to the descriptions of the new courses indicating that they are open to all FAU students. **The UUPC approved the new courses.**

Guest Brady then discussed a change for the Academy for Community Inclusion certificates. The change entails adding the three new SLS courses to the list of electives for certificate students. **The UUPC approved this change.**

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| SLS 2202 | Emotional and Behavioral Control | 2 | New | |
| SLS 2212 | Self-Monitoring of Performance and Attention | 2 | New | |
| SLS 2227 | Planning and Prioritizing | 2 | New | |
| Support for new courses | | | | |
| Program Change | Academy for Community Inclusion (ACI) Certificates | | Add three new courses to the ACI certificates | |

4. Engineering

Chair Meeroff presented two courses with changes to their prerequisites and a program change. The program change entails revisions to the course list in the flight plan for the BSOE in Ocean Engineering. **The UUPC approved the three items.**

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| EOC 4124 | Ship Hydrodynamics | 3 | Change prereqs. | |
| EOC 4193 | Ocean Thermal Systems | 3 | Change prereqs., coreqs. | |
| Program Change | BSOE in Ocean Engineering | | Revise list of courses in flight plan | |

5. Honors College

HC Rep Nicholas Baima explained the program change below stating that it is similar to all the others that have come before this Committee in the past few months. Biology electives were added to this concentration with support from the Chair of the Biological Sciences Department. SC Rep Sorge asked about the policy of putting "Honors" in front of the Honors College course titles. Does it mean only Honors College students can take them? Can students take a non-Honors version as is listed in the program changes? There ensued a discussion about this, but in the end, it did not have a bearing on the program change's approval. Chair Meeroff stated that because there are some questions about the proposal, there definitely should be someone from the Honors College at the next Steering and UFS meetings in case question arise. **The UUPC approved the program change.**

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| Program Change UHC approval Support | Neuroscience Concentration | | Replace existing honors thesis courses with IDS 4970 and revise course offerings | |
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6. Science

SC Rep Korey Sorge introduced Shailaja Allani who then discussed the program change to the BS in Chemistry. The change involves adding a new course to a list of electives. **The UUPC approved the change.**

Next, Guest Michael Zourdos explained that the program change in his department concerns creating two new concentrations – (1) Exercise Physiology and (2) Pre-Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy – to help students focus on their desired path. The catalog revisions presented show that courses from Biology, Sociology and Chemistry were added to the new concentrations’ lists of electives. Support emails from the various departments were included with this proposal. NU Rep Kitty Chadwell asked why NUR 4125, General Pathophysiology, is not in the lists? Guest Zourdos said it could be added. **The UUPC approved the creation of the two concentrations with the addition of NUR 4125 to the elective lists.**

Guest James Gammack-Clark requested a minor change in the BS in Geosciences: Geology Focus: adding PHY 2044 as an alternative to PHY 2049 in the Science core courses. **The UUPC approved this change.**

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| Program Change | BS in Chemistry | | Add course to list of electives | |
| Program Change | BS in Exercise Science and Health Promotion | | Create two new concentrations | |
| Program Change | BS in Geosciences: Geology Focus | | Change in requirements | |

7. Business, Nursing and Library had no reports.

IV. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

1. Donna Chamely-Wiik reported that the plaque for former UUPC Chair Jerry Haky has been purchased. She nominated Maria Jennings to deliver the plaque to Jerry with the Committee’s good wishes. Chair Meeroff seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The next UUPC meeting is Monday, December 6, 2021, 10 a.m. to noon, via Webex.
3. Steering meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/steering-committee.php>
4. University Faculty Senate meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar.php>
5. Chair Meeroff declared the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.