

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 (OURI); Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council; Brian Hodge, Maria Jennings, Elissa Rudolph, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Allan Barsky, Social Work; Clarene Brown-King, Nursing; Mihaela Cardei, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Stephen Charbonneau, Communication and Multimedia Studies; Lea DeRigne, Social Work; Monica Escaleras, Economics; Eric Hanne, History; Rebecca Lemoine, Political Science; Corey Lamb, Visual Arts and Art History; Long Liu, Economics; Lauren Mavica, Psychology; Julie Ward, Visual Arts and Art History; Joseph Velasquez, Visual Arts and Art History.

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dan Meeroff welcomed everyone and announced that he has been appointed Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the position being vacated by Edward Pratt, who is retiring. As the new dean, Chair Meeroff will no longer be able to serve as UUPC chair. He suggested the Committee select a new chair by the next meeting in January 2022.

Then Chair Meeroff asked for any changes to the November 8, 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 January 20 and January 31, respectively. He asked those colleges with items approved to be sure a representative is present at those meetings to answer any concerns.

II. OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business on today's agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Arts and Letters

Communication and Multimedia Studies

AL Rep Thomas Stollar introduced Guest Stephen Charbonneau to discuss the first item of business. Guest Charbonneau stated that the title change for the FIL courses is necessary to keep current with advancements in technology. **The UUPC approved the title change.**

History

Guest Eric Hanne talked about his department's new course, Introduction to Archives. SC Rep Korey Sorge asked why this course is not being submitted with a C in the course number since the note on the course form states it is a combined "Lecture/Lab." Guest Hanne replied that instruction for this new course goes beyond the classroom, but it is more of a guided lab, not a true lab; the instructor would be doing hands-on training in the library and possibly other locations providing more of a real-world experience. The course will be entered in Banner as Lecture only. Chair Meeroff and ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji then asked about the qualifications to teach the course – someone with a terminal degree in Archives, a Master of Library Science (MLS). Guest Hanne replied the intention is to keep the qualifications general and added the MLS is the highest degree in the field of Library Science. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

Political Science

Guest Rebecca Lemoine presented a title change and changes in the B.A. in Political Science as well as in the minor. The latter two changes represent updates to the curriculum, broadening the requirements to include qualitative content. Originally all sub-fields were not represented, but with this update, they are all

listed. The title change better describes the content of the course. Chair Meeroff asked if POS 3330 should replace the main POS course that is currently listed in the Undergraduate Research Certificate. Donna Chamely-Wiik of OURI offered to reach out to Political Science about this suggestion. **All three items were approved by the UUPC.**

Visual Arts and Art History (VAAH)

AL Rep Stollar addressed three of the four program changes first, saying that the changes in Graphic Design and the two Studio Arts programs follow earlier updates that reduced credits in many of the department’s courses from 4 to 3. He stated that the College Art Association (CAA) requires 69 credits, so the department made changes to credits to give students more flexibility in achieving the total. While VAAH does not have a formal tie to the CAA, Rep Stollar said they follow CAA guidelines. He added that the content and rigor of the courses changing to 3 credits have not changed much, yet the entire program is moving toward more contemporary art practices. A few corrections to the documents regarding upper-division courses were noted by the Committee. **The three program changes were approved by the UUPC pending receipt of the corrections.** (The corrected documents were received following this meeting.)

For the Studio Art Minor, Rep. Stollar explained that the seven tracks will be integrated into one, providing students with greater flexibility and better scheduling options. Credits will also change from 17-21 to 18. Students would now take 9 credits in foundational courses (three of the four courses listed) and 9 credits in upper-division studio work. Chair Meeroff asked what if students want to take the four foundational courses, will that count for the minor? Rep Stollar said it could become an issue of too many lower-division courses for the minor but offered to take this to the department for consideration. Rep Stollar also discussed changes to the Art History Minor, basically moving from 22 credits to 18, matching the Studio Art Minor. **The UUPC approved the changes to the minors.**

Changes to the five graphic design courses were considered next. Rep Stollar pointed out that GRA 4194C had gained RI (Research Intensive) approval. **The UUPC then approved this course addition.** The other four course changes are proposed because a new Visual Design Lab course, added previously, necessitates the re-numbering of existing courses. University Registrar Brian Hodge suggested more specific registration controls to three of the courses in the BFA program: GRA 4115C, GRA 4183C and GRA 4522C; Rep Stollar complied. (The updates were submitted following this meeting.) **The UUPC approved the course changes.**

FIL 4364	Documentary Film and Video (New title: Traditions of Documentary Film)	4	Change title	
HIS 3081	Introduction to Archives	3	New	
POS 3330	Understanding Political Science Research (New title: Exploring Political Science)	3	Change title	
Program Change	BA in Political Science		Updating Curriculum	
Program Change	Minor in Political Science		Updating Curriculum	
Program Change Support from SCMS	BFA: Graphic Design Concentration		Curriculum adjustments needed to accommodate conversion of courses to 3 credits	
Program Change Explanation Support from ED	BA: Studio Art Concentration		Curriculum adjustments needed to accommodate conversion of courses to 3 credits	

Program Change Explanation Support from ED	BFA: Studio Art Concentration		Curriculum adjustments needed to accommodate conversion of courses to 3 credits	
Program Change Explanation Support from ED	Art Minors		Changing from 7 tracks to 1 track (Studio Art); reducing credits	
GRA 3193C	Visual Design Lab 2	4	Change prereqs., coreqs.	
GRA 4115C	Visual Design Lab 4 (New title: Visual Design Lab 5)	4	Change title, description, prereqs. and regis. controls	
GRA 4183C	Typographic Design Lab 3 (New title: Visual Design Lab 4)	4	Change title, description, prereqs. and regis. controls	
GRA 4194C RI Approval	Visual Design Lab 3 (add RI to title)	4	Change title and description; add research-intensive component to course	
GRA 4522C	Interactive Design Lab 2	4	Change description, prereqs. and regis. controls	

2. Business

BA Rep Ethlyn Williams introduced Guest Monica Escaleras who presented items from the Economics Department. A change in prerequisites for two courses would make registration for the courses easier for majors. **The UUPC agreed and approved the changes.** The General Economics and Business Economics program changes involve eliminating a one course requirement in International Economics and adding an additional economics elective course, thereby providing more flexibility in both areas as students may choose from a wider variety of courses. **The UUPC approved the program changes.**

ECO 4704	Economics of International Trade	3	Change prereqs.	
ECO 4713	International Monetary Economics	3	Change prereqs.	
Program Change	Business Economics major		Providing wider variety of elective courses	
Program Change	General Economics major		Providing wider variety of elective courses	
Explanation for two ECO course changes above				

3. Engineering and Computer Science

Guest Mihaela Cardei reported that two new combined programs have been proposed. The first is a B.A. or B.S. in Computer Science, Computer Engineering or Electrical Engineering to M.S. in Information Technology and Management. The second is a B.S. in Data Science and Analytics to M.S. in Artificial Intelligence or M.S. in Data Science and Analytics or M.S. Information Technology and Management. The latter program is interdisciplinary in nature. Both programs require 150 credits (120 for the undergraduate program and 30 for the graduate program), 9 of which may be counted for both the undergraduate and graduate degree. Guest Cardei said students in the undergraduate programs already meet the prerequisites for the graduate programs and that both programs received support from the College of Business and the Provost's Office. **The UUPC approved both combined programs.** Next, they will be

forwarded to the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) for that committees' review/approval.

<u>New Combined Program</u> (Sent to Graduate Programs Committee for review/approval.)	BA/BS in Computer Engineering, Computer Science or Electrical Engineering to MS in Information Technology and Management		New	
<u>New Combined Program Support</u> (Sent to Graduate Programs Committee for review/approval.)	BS in Data Science and Analytics to MS in Artificial Intelligence or MS in Data Science and Analytics or MS in Information Technology and Management		New	
<u>Provost's Office approval for the two combined programs</u>				
<u>Support from Business for the two combined programs</u>				

4. Honors College

HC Rep Nicholas Baima presented two new courses. There was a question about support for the new courses from Biological Sciences. Rep Baima stated that he will send a request to the chair of Biology asking for support of the courses. For BSC 3452C, he noticed a spelling error that he corrected post meeting. For BSC 4442C, Chair Meeroff asked about showing the one Chemistry prerequisite of CHM 2045 without the lab. University Registrar Brian Hodge asked whether CHM 2045 and lab need to be included at all since the course also has CHM 2046 and lab as prerequisites and 2045/L are already prerequisites for 2046/L. Rep Baima said he would change the prerequisites for BSC 4442C to remove CHM 2045. (The updated course form was received after the meeting.) **The UUPC approved the new courses.**

<u>BSC 3452C Honors Approval</u>	Honors Experimental Design and Data Analysis	3	New	
<u>BSC 4442C Honors Approval</u>	Honors Molecular Ecology	3	New	

5. Science

SC Rep Corey Sorge introduced Lauren Mavica who discussed a new multicultural course that will increase the department's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion offerings. ED Rep Bhagwanji asked about the three prerequisites: why so many? Guest Mavica stated that the department wishes to attract upper-division students, which the prereqs. would guarantee. It will be an elective course. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

<u>PSY 4603</u>	Multicultural Psychology	3	New	
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6. Social Work and Criminal Justice

SJ Rep Precious Skinner-Osei introduced Allan Barsky who discussed a new certificate, new courses and a course change in Social Work. Guest Barsky emphasized that the new certificate will be the only program in Florida addressing Social Justice and Anti-Oppression. ED Rep Bhagwanji asked if this program will be available to students outside of Social Work. Guest Barsky replied that it is available only to FAU

undergraduate Social Work students. Rep Bhagwanji followed with the question then why not make it a minor? SJ Rep Skinner-Osei interjected that Social Work already has a minor and the program’s accrediting body does not allow this type of specialization at the bachelor’s level as a minor but does allow it as a certificate. **The UUPC approved the new certificate.**

Guest Barsky then presented the two new courses and course change. One of the new courses, SOW 4382, will be part of the certificate. The other is being created to help address social issues that social workers face. Rep Bhagwanji suggested that the description for SOW 4382 needed some clarification. It was determined that the description should end with the phrase, “and how to address these forms of expression.” (The updated documents for this course were provided immediately after the meeting.) The other item of business was a change in a course title. Guest Barsky said the change should eliminate sensationalism. **The UUPC approved the new courses and course change.**

SOW 4284	Social Justice and Social Work: Issues and Responses	3	New	
SOW 4382	Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice	3	New	
SOW 4700	Social Work with Substance Abusers (New title: Substance Use Disorders in Social Work)	3	Change title	
New Certificate	Social Justice and Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice		New	

7. University-Wide

Online Modality Approvals – Informational Item

University Registrar Brian Hodge shared a discussion he had with the chairs of the UUPC and UGPC on the approval of online programs. He mentioned he asked the chairs whether or not faculty review is necessary when existing degree programs will now be offered online. UGPC Chair Chris Beetle stated that as long as the online program is exactly the same as the traditional program, no faculty review is needed. Chair Dan Meeroff agreed. Both chairs asked for the discussion to be presented to each committee as well to make sure everyone is in agreement.

Dr. Hodge presented four online approval scenarios for the Committee’s input of whether or not faculty review is necessary:

- 1) New online program that mirrors the existing in-person program (discussed above);
- 2) New online program with degree requirements that differ from the existing in-person program;
- 3) Change of an existing in-person program to an online only format;
- 4) New degree program offered only online.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed that for item 1, no faculty review is necessary. For items 2 through 4, the Committee decided faculty review (meaning UUPC, followed by UFS Steering and Senate) is necessary.

8. Education, Library and Nursing had no reports.

IV. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

1. RO Rep Maria Jennings led the group in thanking Ed Pratt for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement. She also asked Committee members to consider serving as the new UUPC chair now that

Chair Meeroff would be moving into the Undergraduate Studies Dean role. A vote for the new chair would take place at the January meeting.

2. The next UUPC meeting is Monday, January 31, 2022, 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 11:30 a.m.