

Members present: Thomas Stoller, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Hongbo Su, EG; Clarene Brown-King, NU; Korey Sorge, SC; Seth Fallik for Sigal Rubin, SJ; Lawrence Mello, Library; Dan Meeroff, Interim Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council (UHC); Marie Claire DeMassi, Interim University Registrar; Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Dalel Bader, University Advising; Fred Bloetscher, College of Engineering and Computer Science; Randy Brooks, Biology; Nannetta Durnell-Uwechue, Communication and Multimedia Studies; Evelyn Frazier, Biology; Elizabeth Kennedy, University Advising; Joy Longo, Nursing; Julia Mason, English; Bethany Stanhope, Max Planck Academy; Debra Szabo, Provost's Office.

Absent: Nicholas Baima, HC.

The meeting, via Webex, was called to order at 10 a.m. by UUPC Chair Ethlyn Williams.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Williams asked for any changes to the October 10, 2022, minutes. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Chair Williams reminded committee members to attend the upcoming UFS Steering meeting if they had items on today's agenda, followed by the Faculty Senate meeting. Any questions about UUPC items could be easily answered at Steering if someone from the college or unit is in attendance. Unanswered questions delay the approval process and Steering could postpone the proposal.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. University-Wide

Dan Meeroff, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies, reported that the Honors in the Major proposal was approved by UUPC last month, and then it went to the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) and approved there. Next, it is awaiting review by the University Graduate Council (UGC). He thanked Mary Ann Gosser, Director of the University Honors Council, for shepherding the proposal through the various tiers of approval.

Since this revised Honors in the Major entity pertains to both undergraduate and graduate students, similar to combined programs, there followed a discussion on the approval protocol for such programs. A decision has been made to present new combined programs or changes to those programs to UGPC first, then to UUPC, followed by UGC. Any changes/comments made by UGPC on the programs would be communicated to UUPC via Dean Meeroff and/or the UGPC chair, and RO Rep Maria Jennings would communicate any changes/comments made by UUPC to the UGC before their meeting.

Dean Meeroff then presented the new IDS course. First, a faculty committee comprised of one representative from each college, many of whom are associate deans of undergraduate studies in their college, was created to approve proposals to degree programs administered by Undergraduate Studies. This capstone course will be a requirement intended to be taken by students in the final semester of their Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) program. He added there will likely be a section on the schedule for each of the colleges participating in the BPS. Since the course is variable credit, Chair Williams asked how credits will be determined per student. Dean Meeroff said that decisions on the number of credits are based on what a student already has in their program; the course is designed to be flexible for every student. He shared that the University of South Florida, offers a similar capstone course for their Bachelor of General Studies students. After a brief discussion, **the UUPC approved the new course.**

Another new course, SLS 3372, was discussed by Dean Meeroff. He explained this course is for transfer

students and returning students who have not been in school for a number of years. **The UUPC approved this new course.**

For the program change, Dean Meeroff explained that it involves adding the capstone course to a table of requirements for the Bachelor of Professional Studies. There was discussion about changing the name of the former capstone requirement header from “Additional Requirement” so that it would be more reflective of the courses in that area. It was decided that this header would be changed to “Career Enrichment Requirement.” Following this discussion, ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji questioned the lack of Education courses in the program requirements. He recalled there had been more included when the proposal was first being reviewed. RO Rep Maria Jennings noted that the original proposal included a long list of electives, but these were not included in the catalog, with agreement from program proposers, due to the nature of elective tables constantly changing, especially with the new program still being fleshed out. After finding the original proposal, Rep Bhagwanji confirmed that is where the Education courses he was thinking about were included and said thanks for the explanation. **The UUPC then approved the program change.**

<u>Informational Item</u> (Approved by UUPC 10/10 and UGPC 11/2; sent to UGC for next review and approval)	Honors in the Major, including graduate courses		Add Honors in the Major statement in catalog and include statement allowing approved graduate courses to count
<u>IDS 4895</u>	Professional Capstone	1-4	New
<u>SLS 3372</u>	Foundations for Personal Academic and Professional Development	3	New
<u>Program Change</u>	Bachelor of Professional Studies		Modify the capstone requirement and add a course for transfer students

2. Arts and Letters

AL Rep Thomas Stollar introduced Nannetta Durnell-Uwechue of Communication and Multimedia Studies to speak about the next few items. She described the Communication Studies program change as very minor involving just the title of a header. **The UUPC approved the small change.**

Next, Dr. Durnell-Uwechue said that the title change of the COM course was necessary to provide a better description of the course content. She agreed to send an updated syllabus when Chair Williams pointed out that the CAPS statement was missing. NU Rep Clarene Brown-King asked how the cultural perspective was being addressed in the course. Dr. Durnell-Uwechue replied that her department now has a new professor who would teach the course from a cultural perspective. **The UUPC approved the title and description change.**

AL Rep Stollar next presented the new FIL course. He said that the course content has been taught under a special topics number and proved to be a popular topic. This course will help update the digital offerings for the department. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

Dr. Durnell-Uwechue then presented the course description change for the MMC course. She shared that the course content is now broader, allowing a more global focus and more professors in the department to be able to teach it. **The UUPC approved the course change.**

Dr. Julia Mason presented the program change to terminate four of the five concentrations in the BA in English. SC Rep Sorge wondered if the concentrations could be merged instead of eliminated. Dr. Mason said that the English major is already heavily focused on literature. Merging the concentrations wouldn't really help the students. The department is keeping the Writing and Rhetoric concentration because it is advantageous to students, more so than the literature-specific concentrations. For example, she said there have only been two students in the World Literature concentration in the past ten years. AL Rep Stollar echoed SC Rep Sorge's sentiment saying it doesn't hurt to have concentrations so why eliminate them? Guest Mason offered that basically there is no student interest in them and there hasn't been for many years. Chair Williams asked if terminating the concentrations will affect faculty. Dr. Mason confirmed that faculty will not be affected. Chair Williams then suggested that Dr. Mason go to the UFS Steering meeting in case there are questions such as those being brought forward at this meeting. AL Rep Stollar then added that the Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature Department was contacted to look over this program change, but there has been no reply. Dean Meeroff offered that "no reply" can sometimes be construed as support. AL Rep Stollar said he would ask one more time. Additional changes to the documents were requested by Chair Williams and others to clarify several statements. (AL Rep Stollar made the requested updates and re-submitted the program document following the meeting.) **The UUPC then approved the program change to terminate four concentrations in the English major.**

The last item from Arts and Letters was a course description change for ENL 4210 to eliminate the words "Anglo-Saxon," and substitute the broader term "Old English." **The UUPC approved the description change.**

Program Change	BA in Communication Studies		Change title of a header within the degree requirements
COM 4703	Storytelling (New title: Storytelling in Popular Culture)	3	Change course title and description
FIL 4379	Digital Documentary	3	New
MMC 4301	International Communication	3	Change course description
Program Change	BA in English		Terminate four of the five concentrations: American Literature, British Literature, Multicultural and Gender Studies, and World Literature
ENL 4210	Medieval Literature	3	Change course description

3. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Hongbo Su presented changes for two combined programs, which do not affect the total required credits. The changes, summarized below, were previously approved by the UGPC and after this meeting, will be sent to UGC for their review/approval **The combined program changes were approved by the UUPC.**

Next, he discussed revisions in prerequisites and corequisites for EML 3523C and 3701. SC Rep Sorge questioned having a 4000-level prerequisite for a 3000-level course, referring to some of the prerequisites being added to EML 3523C. EG Rep Su replied this is standard with some courses for Engineering, and Dean Meeroff confirmed by adding that this is the case because there are several gateway courses at the 4000 level. **The UUPC approved the revisions for these two EML courses.**

For the next two EML courses, EG Rep Su shared their prerequisites are being changed to provide students additional experience in the course contents, ensuring greater success in completing these courses. **The**

UUPC approved those changes.

Combined Program Change (Approved by UGPC 11/2 and UUPC 11/7) (Sent to UGC for next review/approval)	BSEE to MS in Computer Engineering		Revise technical electives and semi-core courses for the undergraduate portion of the program
Combined Program Change (Also listed with Nursing) (Approved by UGPC 11/2 and UUPC 11/7) (Sent to UGC for next review/approval)	BSN to MS in Biomedical Engineering Shared by Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Nursing		Removal of one course from list of requirements and department name update
EML 3523C	Experimental Methodology	3	Change prereqs. and coreqs.
EML 3701	Fluid Mechanics	3	Change prereqs. and coreqs.
EML 4142	Heat Transfer	3	Change prereqs.
EML 4730L	Mechanical Engineering Lab	3	Change prereqs.

4. Honors College

Dr. Bethany Stanhope discussed the two Honors College items as they pertain to the FAU/Max Planck Initiative, which she oversees. The revision in the Max Planck Honors program, shared with the College of Science, is to allow Medical Biology students to participate. Dr. Stanhope mentioned that the program has twenty plus students each cycle. Dean Meeroff suggested allowing Biomedical Engineering students to participate in the future, as that program gets established. Dr. Stanhope offered that Biomedical Engineering participation is already being discussed. **The UUPC approved the program change.**

Dr. Stanhope next presented a new course. It is also to be shared with the College of Science and will be added to the course requirements for the Max Planck Honors program. Chair Williams noted that the COVID-19 statement should be removed from the syllabus. (That statement was removed after the meeting.) **The UUPC approved the new course.**

Program Change Honors Approval	FAU Max Planck Honors Program Shared by Honors College and Science		Expand program eligibility to include BS in Medical Biology majors
PSB 4114 Honors Approval	Honors Advanced Life Science Technologies Shared by Honors College and Science	1	New

5. Nursing

The Nursing combined program, shared with the College of Engineering and Computer Science, was discussed above under the Engineering portion of the meeting (see item 3). **The program change to the BSN to MS in Biomedical Engineering was approved by the UUPC.**

6. Science

SC Rep Sorge introduced Randy Brooks and Evelyn Frazier to discuss the Science items. Dr. Frazier described the new course with zero credits, BSC 1013, which is designed as an introduction for new Biology majors, providing tools for success and direction for navigating options within the major. At least two existing SLS courses overlap with this new course as noted by Dean Meeroff, SLS 1411, First-Year Interest Group Experience, and SLS 1501, Honors Introduction to Academic Life. Dr. Frazier agreed to add them to the Biology major as options for students. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

The two program changes were then discussed. They are related to the zero-credit course and involve adding the new course and two existing SLS courses to the core requirements for both the BA and BS in Biological Sciences. After a brief discussion, **the UUPC approved both program changes**

BSC 1013	Introduction to Biology at FAU	0	New
Program Change	BA In Biological Sciences		Add new course options to the core requirement
Program Change	BS in Biological Sciences		Add new course options to the core requirement

7. Business, Education, Library and Social Work and Criminology and Criminal Justice had no reports.

III. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Chair Williams reminded everyone about attending that afternoon's UFS meeting if they had approved items on the agenda.

Steering meeting dates: <https://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/steering-committee/>

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Chair Williams declared the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.