**Members present:** Eric Hanne, AL; Julia Higgs, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Hongbo Su, EG; Rachel Corr, HC; Clarene Brown-King, NU; Korey Sorge, SC; Sigal Rubin, SJ; Dan Meeroff, Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council; Donna Chamely-Wiik, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry; Marie Claire DeMassi, University Registrar; Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar's Office.

**Guests:** Anthony Ambrosio, Undergraduate Studies; Dalel Bader, University Advising Services; Fred Bloetscher, Engineering and Computer Science; Bobby Brown, University Office of Compliance; Liz Kennedy, University Advising Services; Stephen Locke, Mathematics; Francis Lyn, Architecture; Nicohl Meaney, College of Business Advising; Chris Robé, Communication and Multimedia Studies; Debra Szabo, Provost's Office; Yuan Wang, Mathematics; Charles Yang, Finance.

Absent: Maura Flaschner, Admissions; Lawrence Mello, Library.

The meeting, virtual as well as in-person, was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by UUPC Chair Korey Sorge.

# I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Sorge welcomed committee members and guests. He then asked whether everyone had read the October 9, 2023, minutes and if there were any corrections and/or additions. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

#### II. NEW BUSINESS

## 1. University-Wide

Undergraduate Studies Dean Dan Meeroff discussed the new Honors Program for the Bachelor of Professional Studies. As he outlined the new program, ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji asked about the potential number of students who might be interested in the program. Dean Meeroff replied he anticipates one to two students every other year. There was a question about the 20 percent limit for number of students in the program and why it is a percentage instead of a number. Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council (UHC), said that because the number of students pursuing majors varies so much from major to major, the UHC determined using a percentage ensures that each program can be tailored according to its enrollment numbers. Chair Sorge asked if there are similar programs in the SUS. Dean Meeroff said UF has one, but with a few differences from the one being proposed by FAU. He added that students can choose from up to 11 honors courses to complete the program. **The UUPC approved the new honors program.** 

Dean Meeroff spoke about the proposal to add a paragraph to all course syllabi that addresses the reporting of alleged sexual misconduct. He introduced Bobby Brown from the University Office of Compliance to explain the proposal. Guest Brown said the main point of this syllabus statement is to make students aware that if they disclose sexual misconduct information to faculty, whether it is about them or another student, it will not be kept confidential. With the new language, faculty are obligated to report any incident of sexual misconduct. Dean Meeroff said that Federal regulations are coming soon, so FAU should be ready by adding this new paragraph. Donna Chamely-Wiik, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry, mentioned that sexual misconduct needs a clear definition in the statement. Guest Francis Lyn offered that the link in the proposed statement includes definitions as well as other details. BA Rep Julia Higgs asked if the reporting is encouraged of faculty or required. Guest Brown said the language states encouraged, but the University expects those who are in a supervisory role, including faculty and staff, to report sexual misconduct incidents. Even if the details are not clear or the information is second hand, any incident should be reported. Following more questions and discussion, the proposal was approved by the UUPC.

New Program	Honors Program for Bachelor of	New	
Honors Approval	Professional Studies		
Syllabus	Sexual Misconduct Reporting	New	
Recommendation	Language		

### 2. Arts and Letters

### **Anthropology**

AL Rep Eric Hanne presented two new courses and a program change. He said that the new courses will be electives, and the program change shows how they fit into the overall program. **The UUPC approved the new courses and the program change.** 

#### **Architecture**

Francis Lyn addressed the program change to update admissions protocols in Architecture. The changes involve streamlining the process for high-performing students. Guest Lyn said the changes can help keep high-performing students at FAU and attract high-performing students from our feeder schools. He added that these changes have been vetted by the University Admissions Office and his college's Advising Office, and he hopes to have them in place for the next admissions cycle beginning December 15. Guest Gosser asked if Architecture would be proposing an Honors-in-the-Major Program and Guest Chamely-Wiik asked if the Architecture capstone could be considered as a research-intensive course. Guest Lyn said he hoped to speak to the two of them soon about these possibilities. **The UUPC approved the Architecture changes.** 

### **Communication and Multimedia Studies**

Guest Chris Robé presented two courses with title changes. He said Communication and Multimedia Studies is starting to change outdated words, such as "new media" and "multimedia," from course titles and descriptions, adding that many updates will be trickling in over the next year. **The course changes were approved by the UUPC.** 

Next, he discussed a new course, MMC 2132. ED Rep Bhagwanji asked where the new course will fit into the curriculum. Guest Robé replied that it will be a required course and a program change will be submitted in the future to show where the new course will be added. **The new course was approved by the UUPC**.

ANT 3114	Stones and Bones: Unearthing the Past	3	New
ANT 3143	Archaeology of Europe	3	New
Program Change	Anthropology		Add two new courses to
			degree requirements
Program Change	Architecture		Update admission
			requirements
FIL 4613	Exhibition Practices in Film,	4	Change title
	Video and New Media (New		
	title: Exhibition Practices in		
	Film, Video and Media)		
MMC 1540	Introduction to Multimedia	3	Change title
	Studies (New title: Introduction		
	to Media Studies)		

MMC 2132	Introduction to Media	3	New	
	Production			

#### 3. Business

BA Rep Julia Higgs introduced Nicohl Meaney to discuss the program change from Academic Services. She stated that the material for the bachelor's degree program information in the catalog needs updating. This proposal provides housekeeping changes for that section to update old information and add missing information. **The UUPC approved the changes.** 

BA Rep Higgs presented a course change request for ACG 4501 to remove one of the prerequisites (Cost Accounting) as faculty members teaching the course have found it is no longer needed as a prerequisite. After a brief discussion, the course change was approved by the UUPC.

Guest Charles Yang presented two new courses and a program change request. In addition to including the new courses, the program changes also enhance the flexibility of the finance program and expands elective choices. The program changes do not alter the total credits. **The UUPC approved the new courses and the program change.** 

<u>Program Change</u>	College of Business Student		Update general	
	Academic Services		information under	
			Bachelor's Degree	
			Information section in	
			the catalog	
ACG 4501	Government and Not-for-Profit	3	Change prereqs.	
	Accounting			
FIN 4940	Finance Internship	3	New	
RMI 4940	Risk Management and	3	New	
	Insurance Internship			
Program Change	Finance		Update core and	
			electives; add course	
			choices to electives	

#### 4. Science

Guest Stephen Locke addressed the new course numbers and titles to be assigned to two current Math courses. He stated that the number and title changes, in addition to course description changes, are due to a state mandate suggesting new pathways to developing skills and critical thinking in basic mathematics. The two courses, MGF 1130 and 1131, will be part of the Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) and replace the old MGF 1106 and 1107. Part of the state mandate includes removing MGF 1107 from the state's General Education Core, which translates to Group A courses in FAU's IFP. Therefore, the replacement course for 1107, MGF 1131, should not be included in the IFP Group A for the Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning Foundation.

A question arose about the removal of a course from the IFP Group A and if this requires Core Curriculum Committee (CCC) approval. Anthony Ambrosio, who heads up assessment for undergraduate programs, offered to have the CCC review this change. The change from MGF 1106 to 1130 was approved by the UUPC. (This course remains a Group A IFP course according to the state.) The change from MGF 1107 to 1131 was approved by the UUPC with an amendment. The amendment states the course is approved pending approval from the CCC for its removal from the Group A list in the IFP Foundation for Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning. (A few days following the meeting, the CCC submitted its

# approval for the Group A removal for MGF 1107 (1131) and also confirmed its approval for the replacement of MGF 1106 and 1107 in the IFP with the new course numbers and titles.)

Next, two new courses, one of which was approved for IFP, were presented by Guest Locke. As he presented the courses, Mathematics for Biological Science 1 (MAP 2483) and 2 (MAP 2484), Guest Locke was asked if the courses will be required. He replied they will be required for the new Mathematical Biology Concentration being created for Math, to be discussed later in the meeting. Dean Meeroff raised the issue of IFP Group A and Group B courses since the first course in the sequence was approved for IFP. Because this new course is not part of the state's General Education Core, Dean Meeroff said it will have to part of the Group B list for the math foundation, but he warned the state may ask us to do away with our Group B courses once the new Core is finalized. Therefore, requiring this course now could be a problem. He said he will keep the Committee informed as changes progress. **The UUPC approved both new courses.** 

Guest Locke then described changes in the BA in Mathematics program. The changes involve replacing current required courses with two new required courses in an effort to improve student preparedness in light of current demands in the industry. The credit total for the major does not change. **The UUPC** approved the program changes to this BA.

There followed a long discussion about changes to the BS in Mathematics and the creation of four concentrations for this major. Guest Locke explained that the concentrations have been in the works for two years. Math is aiming to breakout the BS program into clearer pathways based on student interest and market demands. Several comments were made regarding the proposed changes making it difficult for students to switch from one concentration to another or to another major if they are having a tough time. This is due to the very specific prerequisites needed for each concentration, specifically the Mathematical Biology Concentration. Chair Sorge applauded the pathways within the concentrations but said there doesn't seem to be a way out for students who decide against the Mathematical Biology Concentration. After an extended discussion with several suggestion made to alleviate concerns, a motion to approve this program change failed. Guest Locke and Mathematical Sciences Chair Yuan Wang stated that the department would address these concerns and return to the Committee at a future meeting.

MGF 1106	Math for Liberal Arts 1 (New	3	Change course number,	
(new number 1130)	title: Mathematical Thinking in		title and description	
	Context 1)			
IFP/GR Approval				
MGF 1107	Math for Liberal Arts 2 (New	3	Change course number,	
(new number 1131)	title: Mathematical Thinking in		title and description	
	Context 2)			
IFP/GR Approval				
MAP 2483	Mathematics for Biological	3	New and IFP/Gordon	
	Sciences 1		Rule, computational	
IFP/GR Approval				
MAP 2484	Mathematics for Biological	4	New	
	Sciences 2			
Program Change	BA in Mathematics		Replace two required	
			courses in the program	
Support			with two new required	
			courses	

<sup>5.</sup> Admissions, Education, Engineering, Honors College, Library and Nursing had no reports.

# III. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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

University Faculty Senate meeting dates: <a href="https://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar/">https://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar/</a>

Chair Sorge declared the meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.