

Members present: Eric Hanne, AL; Julia Higgs, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Hongbo Su, EG; Rachel Corr, HC; Lawrence Mello, Library; 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; Maura Flaschner, Admissions; Marie Claire DeMassi, University Registrar; Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar’s Office.

Guests: Dalel Bader, University Advising Services; Fred Bloetscher, Engineering and Computer Science; Monica Escaleras, Economics; Liz Kennedy, University Advising Services; Philip Lewin, Sociology; Long Liu, Economics; Stephen Locke, Mathematics; Debra Szabo, Provost’s Office; Yuan Wang, Mathematics.

The meeting, virtual as well as in-person, was called to order at 10 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 November 6, 2023, minutes and if there were any corrections and/or additions. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Guest Yuan Wang discussed the revisions in the BS in Mathematics program, which were postponed at the November UUPC meeting due to questions about the mathematical pathway for the concentration of Mathematical Biology. She confirmed that the four new concentrations follow the same mathematical pathway for general education courses, the “College Algebra to Calculus” pathway, as the existing Mathematics program. She also provided a detailed explanation of the transferability of each concentration, specifically the transferability of the Mathematical Biology concentration. She added that while this concentration varies in structure from the existing BS in Math due to the biology component, it does offer students a balanced combination of courses in mathematics, statistics, computations and sciences.

Chair Sorge pointed out that the portability issue raised last month has been well-addressed in the explanation provided by the department and in his discussions with Math personnel since the last meeting. After review of the explanation document, **the UUPC approved revisions to the BS in Mathematics program.**

<p>Program Change Explanation Support</p>	<p>BS in Mathematics</p>	<p>Update requirements and add four concentrations to the program</p>	
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III. NEW BUSINESS

1. University-Wide

Undergraduate Studies Dean Dan Meeroff spoke about a meeting of all General Education directors that will take place in January 2024. Part of that meeting involves discussion about changes to the state’s General Education core courses that will need a prompt response by FAU. Dean Meeroff explained that all courses listed in Group A of FAU’s Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) (currently known as General Education Core at the state) will require course description changes.

All course changes will require approval by the University’s Core Curriculum Committee (CCC) and for that matter, any other changes being made to IFP courses should be approved by the CCC as well to be sure we

remain in alignment with the state. The course description changes then need to be presented to the UUPC. Dean Meeroff requested that all course changes be submitted to the UUPC by its February meeting so they can be ready for presentation at the Board of Trustees' (BOT) August meeting, as these changes will also require BOT approval.

He briefly discussed another expected change in the state's Gen. Ed. Core, the replacement of SYG 1000, Sociological Perspectives, with a history course dealing with civic literacy. Discussion took place on how this will impact Sociology.

Lastly, he shared details about the state's Common Prerequisite Manual and that departments need to be aware of these common prerequisites for all programs when making prerequisite changes to their courses and in their curriculum. He opened the current manual for the committee to take a look, and shared it is being updated. FAU must adhere to common prerequisites for each major and if changes are being made, the specific program must be updated in the manual with approval.

2. Arts and Letters

Communication and Multimedia Studies

AL Rep Eric Hanne stated that the title change for the DIG course was proposed so that the course's current content will be reflected in its title. **The title change was approved by the UUPC.**

Sociology

Guest Philip Lewin explained that the changes and the new course additions to the Sociology curriculum represent the department's attempt to broaden its offerings and to capture the content of its courses more clearly, hoping to entice more students to enroll. Two new elective courses are proposed for which students have shown great interest – SYD 4422, Sociology of Housing, and SYP 3011, Sociology of Emotions. Maura Flaschner, Admissions, asked if the new Sociology of Housing course has any overlap with Urban and Regional Planning courses. Lewin replied he is very familiar with the courses in Urban and Regional Planning and affirmed this new course is very different. It has a broader scope, addressing the affordable housing crisis, and is designed as more of a capstone course even though it is not required. **The UUPC approved these new courses.**

The bulk of the Sociology changes involve course description updates with five of those courses also having title changes – SYD 3602, SYP 3112, SYP 4063, 4453, 4610. The description and title changes were discussed and **approved by the UUPC.** Two courses with a level change to 3000 – SYO 4353 and SYO 4570 – were also discussed. Guest Lewin said that many of the department's 4000-level courses were changed to the 3000 level a few years ago, but these were not changed at that time because faculty members were not available to teach them. **The level changes were approved by the UUPC.**

<u>DIG 4412</u>	Narrative Video Production (New title: Producing and Directing Fiction Film)	4	Change title	
<u>SYA 3010</u>	Sociological Theory	3	Change course description	
<u>SYA 3120</u>	Contemporary Social Theory	3	Change course description and add prereqs.	
<u>SYA 3300</u>	Sociological Analysis: A Survey of Methods	3	Change course description	

<u>SYD 3510</u>	Environmental Sociology	3	Change course description	
<u>SYD 3602</u>	The Urban Community (New title: Cities and Society)	3	Change title and course description	
<u>SYD 3700</u>	Race and Ethnic Relations	3	Change course description	
<u>SYD 3792</u>	Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality	3	Change course description	
<u>SYD 3800</u>	Gender and Society	3	Change course description	
<u>SYD 4422</u>	Sociology of Housing	3	New	
<u>SYG 1000</u>	Sociological Perspectives	3	Change course description	
<u>SYG 2010</u>	Social Problems	3	Change course description	
<u>SYG 3244</u>	Sociology of Food	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3100</u>	Family and Society	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3200</u>	Sociology of Religion	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3250</u>	Sociology of Education	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3370</u>	Gender and Work	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3372</u>	Sociology of Work	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3400</u>	Sociology of Health, Illness and Medicine	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3410</u>	Sociology of Mental Health	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3448</u>	Animals and Society	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 3534</u>	Poverty and Society	3	Change course description	
<u>SYO 4353</u> (New number: 3353)	Sociology of the Marketplace (New title: Economy and Society)	3	Change course level, description and title	

SYO 4570 (New number: 3570)	Organizational Sociology	3	Change course level, description and prereqs.	
SYP 2450	Global Society	3	Change course description	
SYP 3011 Support	Sociology of Emotions	3	New	
SYP 3060	Human Sexuality and Social Change	3	Change course description	
SYP 3110	Self and Society	3	Change course description	
SYP 3112	Microsociology (New title: Sociology of Everyday Life)	3	Change title and course description	
SYP 3400	Social Change	3	Change course description	
SYP 3420	Sociology of Consumption	3	Change course description	
SYP 3550	Drugs and Society	3	Change course description	
SYP 3570	Social Control and Deviance	3	Change course description	
SYP 3630	Sociology of Popular Culture	3	Change course description	
SYP 3650	Sociology of Sport	3	Change course description	
SYP 3714	Sociology of Youth	3	Change course description	
SYP 3740	Sociology of Aging and Dying	3	Change course description	
SYP 3774	Youth Subcultures	3	Change course description	
SYP 4063	The Social Construction of Sexuality (New title: Constructing Sexuality)	3	Change title and course description	
SYP 4453	Global Social Change (New title: Globalization and Inequality)	3	Change title and course description	
SYP 4610	Cultural Sociology (New title: Sociology of Culture)	3	Change title and course description	

Sociology Explanation	Explanation for the course changes above			
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3. Business

BA Rep Julia Higgs introduced four Accounting courses with changes to their prerequisites. The first one discussed, ACG 2021, is having its sophomore standing prerequisite removed allowing freshmen to take the course and determine earlier in their studies if they would like to pursue the Accounting major. The other three courses are removing the requirement for students to complete an accounting competency exam with a satisfactory performance to enroll in the course. This requirement was deemed too restrictive. For these courses, the prerequisite is now ACG 2071, Principles of Accounting 2. After a brief discussion, **the UUPC approved the changes.**

Guests Monica Escaleras and Long Liu presented several Economics courses with changes, mainly updating prerequisites and some course description revisions. **The change course proposals were approved by the UUPC.** Escaleras and Liu then discussed the two new courses, one of which will be taught for 0 credits (ECO 4917). ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji asked about the purpose of a 0-credit course. In discussing this course because it is going to be a directed independent research (DIR) course, OURI Director Donna Chamely-Wiik explained that when students are close to finishing their programs, it is useful for them to take 0-credit courses to avoid going beyond 120 credits. Escaleras added that the department already offers a DIR that is 1-3 credits. This additional DIR course will help students continue their research while not adding to their credit totals. The other new course – ECO 4447, Economic Analytics and Big Data – was discussed next. This course received support from the Information Technology Department per BA Rep Higgs and at the meeting it was noted it does not overlap with Math or Engineering. **The UUPC approved the two new courses.**

ACG 2021	Principles of Accounting 1	3	Remove prereqs.	
ACG 3131	Intermediate Theory 1	3	Change prereqs.	
ACG 3341	Cost Accounting	3	Change prereqs.	
ACG 3842	Accounting Applications of Data Analytics	3	Change prereqs.	
ECO 2013	Macroeconomic Principles	3	Remove prereqs. and change description	
ECO 2023	Microeconomic Principles	3	Remove prereqs.	
ECO 4421	Introduction to Econometric Methods	3	Change course description and prereqs.	
ECO 4447 Support	Economic Analytics and Big Data	3	New	
ECO 4504	Economics of Public Sector	3	Change course description	
ECO 4917 Consultation	Directed Independent Research	0	New	

ECP 3203	Labor Economics	3	Change course description	
ECP 4530	Health Care Economics and Policy	3	Change course description and prereqs.	

4. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Hongbo Su and Guest Fred Bloetscher presented changes to the Honors Program in Engineering. The program has been modified to provide greater flexibility, including adding graduate research courses to broaden the appeal of the program. A question was asked about adding the graduate courses to the program and if this requires Graduate Programs Committee review/approval. University Honors Council (UHC) Director Mary Ann Gosser, replied that it does not need approval because the UHC already received approval from the graduate committees for honors programs to include graduate courses. **The UUPC approved the changes to the Honors Program in Engineering.** Dean Meeroff commented that having Honors-in-the-Major programs in all disciplines is an FAU goal; he said all students should have this option.

Program Change Honors Approval	Honors Program in Engineering		Change program to add flexibility	
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5. Honors College

HC Rep Rachel Corr presented items from her college. Two new courses, PCB 4054C and PCB 4832C, were discussed first. As part of this discussion, Mary Ann Gosser, UHC, commended Professor Jennifer Krill for being instrumental in creating these courses and shepherding them through rigorous honors and research-intensive reviews. **The UUPC approved the new courses.**

Removing the Writing Across Curriculum (WAC) component from an honors course was discussed next. HC Rep Corr said that the Honors College already offers many WAC courses, and the College is looking to raise enrollment caps on some of its courses. Since WAC courses have limited enrollment, the College has decided this course, POS 2692, is no longer needed as WAC and would better serve students with a larger cap option. RO Rep Maria Jennings confirmed that removal of the WAC component from a course does not require approval from the WAC Committee. WAC personnel just need to be informed about the change, which Jennings said she sent to them when the proposal first arrived and will re-send once the proposal receives all approvals. **The UUPC approved the WAC removal.**

Changes to both the Marine Biology and Psychology concentrations were then discussed. These proposals include adding flexibility to the programs by listing additional course options for students. **Both proposals were approved by the UUPC.** An update to the Transdisciplinary Visual Art Minor was presented to get the minor in line with previous changes made to the Art Concentration. **It was also approved by the UUPC.**

The final item discussed, the Spanish Literature Minor, requests a change to the minor title eliminating literature. The new title, Minor in Spanish, includes expanding the scope of the program's electives to allow Spanish courses to count. Up to now, only Spanish literature courses have counted, limiting students' efforts in completing the minor. It was noted that one of the courses being added as a core option in Track 1 and an elective in Track 2, SPN 2240, did not have the correct title listed. The College would like offer Honors Spanish for Medical Personnel, but this course does not yet exist for the Honors College. Rather than just change title in the paperwork to the correct title for SPN 2240, HC Rep Corr opted to revisit the changes with the proposers since the medical personnel content is what the College prefers. **The UUPC postponed the proposal to the next meeting.**

PCB 4054C	RI: Honors Drosophila Genes	3	New	
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RI Approval Honors Approval Support	and Behavior			
PCB 4832C RI Approval Honors Approval Support	RI: Honors Neurophysiology	3	New	
POS 2692 Honors Approval Consultation	Honors Punishment	3	Remove Writing Across Curriculum (WAC) component	
Program Change Honors Approval Support	Marine Biology Concentration		Allow additional courses to be counted toward concentration	
Program Change Honors Approval Support	Psychology Concentration		Add courses to the list of electives and to satisfy various requirements	
Program Change Honors Approval Support	Transdisciplinary Visual Art Minor		Update requirements for the minor to match changes previously made for the Art Concentration	
Program Change Honors Approval Support (postponed)	Spanish Literature Minor (New title: Spanish Minor)		Add Spanish language courses to expand ways to complete the minor; change title of minor	

6. Admissions, Education, Library, Nursing, Science and Social Work and Criminal Justice had no reports.

IV. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

ED Rep Bhagwanji asked about the progress of the sexual misconduct language for syllabi that was approved by UUPC last month. Dean Meeroff replied that it was approved at Steering and would go before Senate later that day. If fully approved, this language is expected to appear in Simple Syllabus for Fall 2024.

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

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

Chair Sorge declared the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.