

Members present: Robin Larson, AL; Julia Higgs, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Yalan Liu, EG; Terje Hill, HC; Michelle Broadbent, NU; Korey Sorge, SC; Sigal Rubin, SJ; Dan Meeroff, Undergraduate Studies; Mary Ann Gosser, Honors and Scholars Programs; Donna Chamely-Wiik, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (OURI); Maura Flashner, Admissions; Lawrence Mello, Library; Marie Claire DeMassi, University Registrar; Maria Jennings and Salwa Warsi, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Donella Beckwith, Chemistry and Biochemistry; Geraldine Blattner, Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature; Fred Bloetscher, Engineering and Computer Science; Ken Dawson-Scully, Provost; Ted deChatelet, Theatre and Dance; Regis Fox, English; Javad Hashemi, Engineering and Computer Science; Eric Hanne, History; Hari Kalva, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Elizabeth Kennedy, University Advising Services; Rebecca Lemoine, Political Science; Michelle Vaughan McGovern, Curriculum and Instruction; Evonne Rezler, Science; Debra Szabo, Provost's Office; Andrew Terentis, Chemistry and Biochemistry; Mark Tunick, Honors College; Kevin Wagner, Interdisciplinary Studies; Stephanie Wakefield, Urban and Regional Planning; Ilyas Yildirim, Chemistry and Biochemistry.

The meeting, virtual as well as in-person, was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Korey Sorge welcomed representatives and guests. Next, he requested approval of the minutes from the February 23rd meeting. He asked if there were any corrections and/or additions. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

1. Discussion

Chair Sorge briefly went over the Senate bylaws and UUPC's guidelines and policies regarding the scope of this committee and its work in reviewing courses and requesting consultations. He explained that this committee cannot stop a course or program from moving forward to the Senate's Steering Committee, but it can motion to move an item with a positive recommendation or without a positive recommendation to Steering. It can also postpone definitely those items that it deems require additional discussions or paperwork before moving forward. These can include proposals that the committee feels require consultations. Such items that are postponed definitely are moved to the next meeting and placed in the Old Business portion of the agenda.

At the last meeting, there were many courses with overlapping content that were sent forward without consultations from the affected department/college. Per the guidelines, if a course or program has conflicting or overlapping content, the proposer should reach out and obtain a consultation from the affected department or college. If the proposer has reached out and has received no response, then it is considered that the other party approves of the course or program. Moving forward, Chair Sorge suggested that the college representatives review the items for possible overlap and have the proposer reach out to the colleges/departments before the meeting, so that the items can move forward to Steering with a positive recommendation. BA Rep Julia Higgs questioned how one should determine if an item is overlapping and deems review from other departments. Chair Sorge noted that the college representatives can work with the proposers to make that determination. Then at the meetings, other representatives can request consultations and the committee can determine if the proposal moves forward pending the consultation or is postponed definitely until the next meeting, giving time for receiving the reply from the other college.

As a matter of reference and to note a further change in committee proceedings beginning with this meeting, Chair Sorge provided the following procedural steps for discussion and voting:

- Being on the agenda opens for discussion,
- Accept appropriate amendments,

- After discussion, a motion is made (forward with positive/negative/no recommendation, postpone definitely, as amended, etc.)
- The 2nd now opens the vote
- Then the committee votes for how the proposal will be handled.

II. Old Business

1. Arts and Letters

Interdisciplinary Studies guest Kevin Wagner reviewed the two new IDS courses and new Bachelor of Arts in AI, Technology and Society program postponed at the February 23 meeting. After review, the courses have been adjusted to condense the number of required readings listed. The program has been amended to have one CIP code, the degree requirements are in catalog language format, and the title has been adjusted to match the ATAS acronym. Debra Szabo, Provost Office, noted that the funding sources table on page 29 of the state forms needed to be filled out. Dr. Wagner made note of this. **UUPC voted to forward these two courses and new degree program with a positive recommendation, pending funding forms.** Dr. Wagner provided the completed table after the meeting.

IDS 3762	Language, Society and Artificial Intelligence	3	New
IDS 4764	Capstone in AI, Technology and Society	3	New
New Program APB Approval State Forms Support 1 Support 2 CV	Bachelor of Arts in AI, Technology and Society	120	New

III. New Business

1. University Wide

Undergraduate Studies Dean Dan Meeroff highlighted the AI choice in Simple Syllabus and shared that he compiled a report showing how many faculty members select “prohibited, flexible or encouraged” for their courses. This spring, 168 sections of courses chose the encouraged option, 946 sections chose prohibited, and 578 sections chose flexible. These numbers were larger than in the fall 2025 term, but there are still 45-60 percent of professors who have not selected a choice. He asked UUPC representatives to encourage professors to make that selection in Simple Syllabus.

Next, Dean Meeroff informed the committee that the Board of Governors removed the introductory sociology course, SYG 1000, from the General Education Curriculum effective fall 2026.

2. Admissions

Maura Flaschner, Admissions, informed the committee that freshman applications for summer and fall are now closed and FAU is on track to meet enrollment goals with 4,500 incoming freshmen for fall 2026. She said the incoming transfer student numbers are looking great as well.

3. Arts and Letters

English guest Regis Fox explained the nine course changes. The department is revising the course descriptions for various courses to increase flexibility for the instructors who teach them by providing a broad description. Two of the courses are revising their titles to remove outdated language and to better attract students. **UUPC voted to forward these nine courses with a positive recommendation.**

History guest Eric Hanne reviewed the four program changes to the Bachelor of Arts in History. This program is being revised to terminate the British History concentration as the faculty who teach the courses have retired. They plan to no longer admit students in the fall. For students currently in the program, the department is making course adjustments to allow for timely graduation. The Legal History concentration is being revised to reduce the credits for completion from 15 to 12 and subsequently revising the core and elective courses. The department would like to add a new concentration in Public History as it is a viable career option for students. Dr. Hanne said it focuses on community engagement and helps with public as well as private sector jobs. Lastly, the Religious History Concentration is being revised to reflect curriculum changes and reduce credits from 15 to 12. Members of the committee noted that the language on the forms should be revised to remove the 5000-level course requirement as this limits transfer students from applying for this major and concentrations. Dr. Hanne made note to remove this statement from all the forms. He sent the revised documents after the meeting. **UUPC voted to forward the three concentration changes and one new concentration with a positive recommendation.**

Next, Dr. Hanne introduced the new Oral History course, which was previously taught as special topics. The department would now like a permanent number for this course. A similar course is currently offered at the graduate level. Chair Sorge asked if Anthropology had been consulted regarding this new course. Dr. Hanne replied that the graduate course has been taught for over 20 years with no concerns from Anthropology, so a consultation was not requested. **UUPC voted to forward this course with a positive recommendation.**

The Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature department would like to create a new Special Topics Spanish course. This course will cover various Spanish-language literatures. **UUPC voted to forward approved this course with a positive recommendation.**

Political Science guest Rebecca LeMoine introduced the new Politics of Hamilton course, which will review the Broadway play, Hamilton, to address key moments in our nation's history. This course was received with enthusiasm by the committee. **UUPC voted to forward this course with a positive recommendation.** The Bachelor of Arts in Political Science is being revised to change CPO 3003 to CPO 2002 as that course number change was recently approved by the state. **UUPC voted to forward this program change with a positive recommendation.**

Lastly, Theatre and Dance guest Ted deChatelet reviewed the program change for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre: Music Theatre Concentration. This program is being updated to include relevant music theatre courses and dance training. **UUPC voted to forward this program change with a positive recommendation.**

AML 3263	Literature of the South	3	Change description
AML 3264	Florida Women Writers	3	Change description
AML 4640	American Indian Literature (New title: Native American Literature)	3	Change title

ENL 4221	17th-Century Literature	3	Change description
ENL 4251	Victorian Literature	3	Change description
ENL 4273	20th-Century British Literature	3	Change description
HIS 4074	Oral History	3	New
LIT 3312	Fantasy Literature	3	Change description
LIT 3313	Science Fiction	3	Change description
LIT 3333	Literature of Adolescence (New title: YA Literature)	3	Change title and description
POS 4254	Politics of Hamilton	3	New
Support			
SPT 4930	Special Topics in Spanish	3	New
Program Change	Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Major and Minor)		Change CPO 3003 to CPO 2002
Program Change	Bachelor of Arts in History - British History Concentration		Terminate concentration
Program Change	Bachelor of Arts in History - Legal History Concentration	15 to 12	Reduce concentration credits from 15 to 12 and restructure core and elective courses
Program Change	Bachelor of Arts in History - Public History Concentration	12	New
Program Change	Bachelor of Arts in History - Religious History Concentration	15 to 12	Revise requirements to reflect curriculum changes and reduce credits from 15 to 12
Program Change	Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre: Music Theatre Concentration		Update program to include relevant music theatre courses and dance training

4. Business

BA Rep Julia Higgs introduced the new Mind (fulness) Your Business course. This course integrates mindfulness concepts to develop students' business communication skills in disagreement resolution and collaboration. Dr. Higgs shared there was an issue with the course form that was submitted and provided a revised form after the meeting. **UUPC voted to forward this new course with a positive recommendation.**

Two Health Administration courses are undergoing prerequisite changes. These courses are removing HSA 4110, Organizational Behavior in Health Care, as the content is no longer relevant to the courses. The Directed Independent Research in Health Administration course is changing credits from 1-3 to 1-6. This credit change is due to incorporating a research project to be completed at the end of the course. **UUPC voted to forward these three course changes with a positive recommendation.**

The Management Programs department is revising three of its programs. The Health Administration Major is being revised to update the elective courses and add course substitutions. Total credits to complete the program remain at 120. The Health Administration Minor is removing the “for business majors” and “non-business majors” options to create one option for all students and will be named “Health Administration Undergraduate Minor.” The minor is adding 4 HSA courses as elective options and removing two courses that are no longer necessary. The credits to complete the minor will change from 9 to 12. Lastly, the Healthcare Finance Minor and Certificate are removing and adding elective courses, the credits to complete remain at 12. The minor is also removing “for non-business major” from the title. **UUPC voted to forward these three program changes with a positive recommendation.**

GEB 4083 Support	Mind (fulness) Your Business	3	New
HSA 4140	Strategic Management in Health Organizations	3	Change prerequisite
HSA 4222	Long-Term Care Administration	3	Change prerequisite
HSA 4915	Directed Independent Research in Health Administration	1-3 to 1-6	Change credits
Program Change	Health Administration Major		Add/remove electives and add course substitutions; total credits remain at 120
Program Change	Healthcare Finance Minor and Certificate		Add and remove electives; credits remain at 12; change title of minor
Program Change	Health Administration Minor	9 to 12	Offer one 12-credit minor, instead of separate business and non-business minors and add/remove elective courses

5. Education

Curriculum and Instruction guest Michelle Vaughan McGovern reviewed the three program changes. The Elementary Education (K-6) with ESOL and Reading Endorsement program is updating administrative language and cleaning up courses. The General College Information for all Programs proposal is revising the administrative language to reflect the college’s current structure and streamline the information. Lastly, the Undergraduate Research Honors Programs (EIEIO-ELEM Honors and EIEIO Secondary Honors) are being terminated. RO Rep Maria Jennings asked what the teach-out term is for students currently enrolled. Dr. McGovern noted that there are no students in the program so a teach-out term is not necessary. **UUPC voted to forward the two program changes and program terminations with a positive recommendation.**

Program Change	Elementary Education (K-6) with ESOL and Reading Endorsements		Update administrative language and clean up courses
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Program Change	General college information for all programs		Update administrative language to reflect current departmental structure and streamline administration
Program Change Honors Approval	Undergraduate Research Honors Programs (EIEIO-ELEM Honors and EIEIO Secondary Honors)		Terminate

6. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Yalan Liu discussed the new Security Engineering with Generative AI course. This course allows students to design and build security tools with generative AI. Chair Sorge questioned if the Mathematics and Statistics and the Information Technology and Operations Management departments were consulted. Dr. Liu made note to provide the necessary consultations. After the meeting, Dr. Liu provided the supporting documents. **UUPC voted to forward this new course with a positive recommendation.**

Four Electrical Engineering and Computer Science courses are having their descriptions revised to include a statement to prevent the double counting of courses. By including this statement, a student who has taken the graduate version of the course will not be able to take the undergraduate version. One course, COP 3410C, is having the prerequisite of Intro. to Python removed as this content is already built into the course. **UUPC voted to forward these five course changes with a positive recommendation.**

Electrical Engineering guest Hari Kalva introduced the new Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence with Criminal Justice program. This program is part of the AI plus X initiative and is modeled after the previous programs. Chair Sorge noted that several of the previously approved AI plus X programs were tabled at the last Steering Committee meeting and are being reviewed by the Academic Planning and Budget Committee. He recommended someone be present to represent this new program at the Steering and Senate meetings. **UUPC voted to forward this new program with a positive recommendation.**

The Fabrication of Mechanical Engineering course is adding a prerequisite of EGN 1111C, Engineering Graphics, to better prepare students for the course. Provost's Office Rep Szabo questioned if the prerequisite for this course changes the prerequisites needed to get into the degree program, in other words, the common prerequisites. Engineering and Computer Science Associate Dean Fred Bloetscher responded that this does not affect the prerequisites for program entry. **UUPC voted to forward this course change with a positive recommendation.**

Lastly, EG Rep Liu explained the changes for the Ocean and Mechanical Engineering programs. They are being revised to add a substitution option for EGN 1002 for students entering with an AA or with more than 60 credits. **UUPC voted to forward these two program changes with a positive recommendation.**

CAI 4800 Support	Security Engineering with Generative AI	3	New
CEN 4010	Principles of Software Engineering	3	Change description

CNT 4007	Communication Networks	3	Change description
COP 3410C	Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis with Python	3	Change prerequisite
COP 4703	Advanced Database Systems	3	Change description
EML 4263C	Fabrication of Mechanical Engineering Systems	2	Change prerequisite
Program Change	Mechanical Engineering		Add substitution option for EGN 1002 for students entering with an AA or over 60 credits
Program Change	Ocean Engineering		Add substitution option for EGN 1002 for students entering with an AA or over 60 credits
New Program (See below under Social Work and Criminal Justice for their paperwork.)	Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence with Criminal Justice	120	New

7. Honors College

HC Rep Mark Tunick reviewed the course change and several program changes. The Honors Judicial Process course is removing the prerequisite of POS 2041 as the instructor covers the necessary information needed in this course, and this change will make it easier for students to enroll. **UUPC voted to forward this course change with a positive recommendation.**

The General Education Humanities Group B section is removing ARH 2050 and ARH 2051 from the list of courses as they are no longer regularly offered. ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji asked if they are required courses for any program? The reply was they are not required and, in fact, have not been taught in 15 years. **UUPC voted to forward this program change with a positive recommendation.** The Interdisciplinary Ethics Minor is changing the required courses from list A and adjusting courses. **UUPC voted to forward this program change with a positive recommendation.** The Law and Society Concentration is having its elective list revised and editing the description to remove moot court as it is not regularly required. **UUPC voted to forward this program change with a positive recommendation.**

The Philosophy Concentration and Minor are being updated to remove non-regularly offered courses, change several requirements, remove the interdisciplinary concentration and update the philosophy elective courses. **UUPC voted to forward this program change with a positive recommendation.** Lastly, the Political Science concentration will add new courses, remove the option to substitute POS 2041, and add substitution options for CPO 2002. The program seeks to clarify concentration requirements and add/remove courses from the electives list. **UUPC voted to forward this program change with a positive recommendation.**

POS 4609 Honors Approval	Honors The Judicial Process		Change prerequisite
Program Change Core Curriculum Committee Approval Honors Approval	General Education - Humanities Group B		Remove ARH 2050 and ARH 2051 from the list of Group B Humanities courses
Program Change Honors Approval	Interdisciplinary Ethics Minor		Change description, change required courses from course A list, make course adjustments, and remove HUM 2020 from Course B list; total credits are not changed
Program Change Honors Approval	Law and Society Concentration		Edit description and update electives list; total credits not changed
Program Change Honors Approval	Philosophy Concentration and Minor		Change description, required courses, and several other requirements; remove interdisciplinary concentration; update philosophy elective courses; total credits are not changed
Program Change Honors Approval	Political Science Concentration		Add new courses, remove option to substitute POS 2041, add options for CPO 2002 substitution, clarify concentration requirements, add and remove courses from electives list, update description; total credits are not changed

8. Science

Guests Donella Beckwith and Ilyas Yildirim reviewed the new Introduction to Coding for Life Sciences course. The course will cover the basics of Linux, shell scripting and PERL. Dr. Beckwith informed the committee that they have been working with Engineering to create a course that both departments approve. As of now, Engineering still has concerns because Chemistry will be teaching this as a general-purpose programming course rather than a chemistry course with aspects of coding. Dr. Hari Kalva from Engineering suggests that if this is how Chemistry would like to offer the course, a faculty member from the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department should teach the course. Dr. Kalva also suggested they add a prerequisite for the course. Chemistry and Biochemistry Department Chair Andrew Terentis stated that the course is all about the applications of biological data and students need computation and coding to do that. He added that the course will not be using any complex computer programming. Dr. Yildirim has revised the course description to remove language that suggests complex programs will be used. Dr. Terentis agrees that a prerequisite of

Organic Chemistry would be beneficial for this course. Dr. Terentis and team will continue to work with Engineering to resolve the remaining issues. **Chair Sorge motioned to postpone this course and it was seconded. UUPC voted to postpone definitely.**

Urban and Regional Planning guest Stephanie Wakefield reviewed the course change and two program changes. The Site Planning course is adding the Introduction to Urban Design Technology course as a prerequisite as it gives students a better understanding of the technology used for site planning. **UUPC voted to forward this course change with a positive recommendation.** The Bachelor of Urban Design and Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning are adding the new technology-based course to the core requirements, adding COP 3035C to the electives list, and updating catalog language. The credits to complete these programs will remain at 120. **UUPC voted to forward these two program changes with a positive recommendation.**

CHS 4623 Consultations (Postponed)	Introduction to Coding for Life Sciences	3	New
URP 4870	Site Planning	3	Change prerequisite
Program Change Support	Bachelor of Urban Design		Add new technology-based course to core, add COP 3035C to electives list, remove GIS 3015C, and update catalog language; credits remain at 120
Program Change Support 1 Support 2	Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning		Add new technology-based course to core, add COP 3035C to electives list, and update catalog language; credits remain at 120

9. Social Work and Criminal Justice

SJ Rep Sigal Rubin reviewed the three new Criminology and Criminal Justice courses. The Criminal Procedure course was previously taught as a special topics course and now the department would like a permanent number. The Criminal Law and the Constitution of Florida and the Criminal Law course will serve as electives for students. **UUPC voted to forward these three new courses with a positive recommendation.**

The Criminal Justice minor is clarifying course applicability and addressing the overlap with Forensic Investigations and Public Safety minors. **UUPC voted to forward this program change with a positive recommendation.** The department would like to create a new Criminal Law Minor for students who are interested in learning about criminal law. In the future, the department plans to offer this as a certificate as well. **UUPC voted to forward this new program with a positive recommendation.**

Lastly, the new Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence with Criminal Justice was mentioned, but it was noted that this program was approved earlier in the meeting during the discussion of the Engineering and Computer Science proposal. This program will be shared by both colleges.

CJL 4133	Criminal Procedure	3	New
CJL 4214 Support	Criminal Law and the Constitution in Florida	3	New
CJL 4410 Support	Criminal Law	3	New
New Program Support	Criminal Law Minor	12	New
New Program APB Review (See above under Engineering and Computer Science for their paperwork.)	Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence with Criminal Justice	120	New
Program Change	Criminal Justice Minor		Clarify course applicability and address overlap with Forensic Investigations and Public Safety minors

10. Dr. Donna Chamely-Wiik informed the group that the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Research Symposium would be taking place on Friday, April 3, from 8:30 am to 5 pm and encouraged attendance. **Library and Nursing** had no reports.

IV. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next UUPC meeting is Monday, April 27, from 10 am to noon, in SU 132 and via zoom.

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 12:15 p.m.