

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, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Dalel Bader, University Advising Services; Donella Beckwith, Chemistry and Biochemistry; Regis Fox, English; Hari Kalva, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Elizabeth Kennedy, University Advising Services; Rebecca LeMoine, Political Science; Will McConnell, Sociology; Timothy Miller, English; Evonne Rezler, Science; Debra Szabo, Provost's Office; Yuan Wang, Mathematics and Statistics; Kevin Wilt, Music; Eric Zeaman, Student Athlete Success Center ; Xiao-Dong Zhang, Mathematics and Statistics.

The meeting, virtual as well as in-person, was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes

Chair Korey Sorge welcomed representatives and guests and requested approval of the minutes from the March 30th meeting. He asked if there were any corrections and/or additions. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Discussion

Meeting dates for the next academic year were presented: 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/7, 2/1, 3/1, 3/29, 4/26. The committee agreed with those Monday dates, but there was discussion about changing the starting time to 9 am. UUPC meetings fall on the same day as the University Faculty Senate meetings and many representatives attend both meetings. With UUPC finishing at noon and Senate beginning at 1 pm, it is a tight turnaround. A request was made to change the UUPC times from 10 am - noon to 9 -11 am starting in academic year 2026-2027. **After some discussion, the committee voted in favor of the meeting dates and new time for UUPC meetings.**

II. Old Business

Science

Science guest Donella Beckwith made a motion to withdraw this course. She indicated that Chemistry is still working with Engineering on concerns regarding the course and would like to take the summer to iron things out. **The UUPC seconded Dr. Beckwith's motion and voted in favor of withdrawing this course.**

CHS 4623	Introduction to Coding for Life Sciences	3	New
Consultations			
(withdrawn)			

III. New Business

1. University Wide

Undergraduate Studies Dean Dan Meeroff shared that the Florida Board of Governors staff is requesting student learning outcomes (SLOs) for 34 Group B General Education courses that do not have any listed. He reached out to the associate deans and department chairs for the courses that are missing outcomes. He added that the SLOs do not require faculty governance approval.

In addition, Dean Meeroff shared that the Florida Board of Governors asked each university to complete a review of its writing courses and submit updates as needed. That process is underway. He asked representatives to request that their colleges create more Writing Across Curriculum (WAC) courses. This will provide more flexibility for students to complete their writing requirements as we have lost a few WAC courses due to General Education changes.

2. Admissions

Maura Flaschner, Assistant Vice President for Undergraduate Admissions and Student Success, informed the committee that FAU is on track to meet enrollment goals and welcome its largest ever freshman class this fall.

3. Arts and Letters

English guest Regis Fox presented the new course in Science Fiction and Fantasy, which has been offered a few times as Special Topics with much success. This course has been approved as Writing Across Curriculum and is also being discussed as a possible General Education course. Dr. Fox also presented the new Science Fiction and Fantasy Studies Minor and Certificate, which received support from Philosophy, and for which there is an interest from students. This minor and certificate will incorporate courses that already exist and will benefit from several faculty members with expertise in this subject. **UUPC voted to forward the new course and new program with a positive recommendation.**

Music guest Kevin Wilt discussed the state's request to reduce the number of credits for the Bachelor of Music Education (BME) from 128 to 123. Among the reductions is the proposal to change the Music Pedagogy and Methods Lab course, MUE 2446L, from 1 credit to 0 credits. This also involves a required grade-mode change to Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading and a course description change. Dr. Wilt explained this is the final course students typically take before graduating as it involves organized practice on secondary instruments. The only requirements are participation and short assignments, so it can be tailored as a 0-credit course. The assignments have been reduced to comply with the 0-credit change.

The other credit changes to the BME program involve removing the elective credits, removing a course for which the material and skills will be absorbed into a conducting course, and removing an additional course from an elective list because that course will no longer be offered in a year. Dr. Wilt said the state asked for a credit reduction for this program from 134 to 128 credits in 2025, now it is 123, and he expects it will likely move to 120 credits in the near future. After a brief discussion about the reductions and vast changes to the program since 2025, **UUPC voted to forward the BME program change and changes to MUE 2446L with a positive recommendation.**

Guest Rebecca LeMoine presented a new version of the Political Science course, POS 4204. This course currently exists at FAU, but Political Science would like to offer a research intensive (RI) version of it, while keeping the traditional non-RI course available as well. The RI version received full approval from the Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee. **UUPC voted to forward this new course with a positive recommendation.**

The Sociology courses were highlighted by guest Will McConnell. The Sociology for Health & Medical Professions course is being created to fill a void left when changes were made by the state to the introduction to sociology course and its removal from the General Education list. Medical students used to take intro. to sociology as preparation for the MCAT. This new course provides a solution for those students. Science guest Evonne Rezler added that this new course would be suitable as an elective for Health Science majors as well. The second Sociology course being proposed, Social Media and Society, has been offered several times as Special Topics and the department would like to make it a permanent course. Sociology received support from Communication Studies for this course with a

few minor changes requested to the course objectives and course outline, which Dr. McConnell said have been made. **UUPC voted to forward these two new courses with a positive recommendation.**

AL Rep Robin Larson presented the final item for Arts and Letters, a minor in Dramatic Writing. This program will combine courses from English with dramatic writing courses to help complement the Theatre and Dance Department's Acting for the Camera minor. It will teach skills in creating short and long scripts and television screenwriting, which will be a valuable resource for film acting students. According to the paperwork submitted with the minor, FAU will take the lead among state university system schools in this area as no other school offers "an undergraduate minor or major in playwriting or dramatic writing for the stage and screen." This minor received support the Department of English. **UUPC voted to forward this new minor with a positive recommendation.**

LIT 2310 WAC Approval	Science Fiction and Fantasy	3	New and Writing Across Curriculum
MUE 2446L	Music Pedagogy and Methods Lab	1 to 0	Change credits, grading and description
POS 4204 RI Approval	RI: Public Opinion and American Politics	3	New and Research Intensive
SYO 3401 Support	Sociology for Health & Medical Professions	3	New
SYO 3460 Support	Social Media and Society	3	New
New Program Rationale Support	Science Fiction and Fantasy Studies Minor and Certificate	12	New
Program Change	Bachelor of Music Education	128 to 123	Reduce credits due to state request
New Program Support	Dramatic Writing Minor	15	New

4. Business

BA Rep Julia Higgs introduced the course changes for Marketing. She shared that these courses are having updates to reflect the current content being taught. **UUPC voted to forward these course changes with a positive recommendation.**

MAR 4400	Personal Selling (New title: Professional Selling)	3	Change title and description
MAR 4403	Sales and Sales Management	3	Change description

5. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Yalan Liu discussed the two new CIS courses. Foundations of Cloud Computing is already being taught at the graduate level and now the department would like to offer the course to undergraduate students. Dean Meeroff commented that this course could be a good candidate for the Research Intensive designation. Donna Chamely-Wiik, OURI, offered to reach out to Engineering to discuss this. Regarding the Hacking for Defense course, Rep Liu shared it is project-based and designed for senior students. Chair Sorge asked if this course would need a lab component. Guest Hari Kalva replied that it does not because the project work is conducted during class. **UUPC voted to forward these new courses with a positive recommendation.**

Next, Rep Liu presented the new combined programs in Engineering. These combined programs were presented to the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) and approved last month but were postponed by the Steering Committee because they lacked proper catalog language. These programs now include the full catalog language and are ready to be re-submitted to Steering on behalf of the UGPC and UUPC, if approved here today. **UUPC voted to forward the combined programs with a positive recommendation.**

On the subject of combined programs, ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji added that the College of Education is preparing combined programs for the Bachelor of Early Care and Education to a couple of Master of Education programs in the college. He said these would be presented in the fall.

CIS 4080	Foundations of Cloud Security	3	New
CIS 4378	Hacking for Defense	3	New
New Combined Programs Provost's Office Approval	BSCE (Computer Engineering) with MS (Electrical Engineering or Computer Science) AND BACS (Computer Science) with MS (Data Science and Analytics or Artificial Intelligence)		New

6. Honors College

HC Rep Terje Hill reviewed the Honors College items starting with the Economics course. She indicated the changes to the course title and description are necessary to give students a better understanding of the course content. The current long title and general description of the course have caused confusion among students about what the course is about. **UUPC voted to forward the changes for this course with a positive recommendation.**

HC Rep Hill presented the program changes for the Anthropology and Biological Anthropology concentrations next. Both programs are cleaning up their requirements, including updating elective choices, course titles, and credit requirements within the categories. Lastly, she discussed the changes for the French and Francophone Studies minor. The minor needs flexibility added to it because some students are coming in at a higher course level and don't have course choices to accommodate for that. The changes requested will provide higher-level students the ability to complete the minor without the need to file petitions and will provide flexibility for all minor students in general. **UUPC voted to forward the concentration and minor changes with a positive recommendation.**

ECO 4053 Honors Approval Consultation	Honors Market Process Economics: Analysis of Time and Ignorance (New title: Honors Philosophy and Theory of Markets)	3	Change title and description
Program Change Honors Approval	Anthropology Concentration and Minor		Move a required course to electives, update elective choices and credit requirements, revise a course title that was previously changed; total credits remain the same
Program Change Honors Approval	Biological Anthropology Concentration		Move a required course to electives, update elective choices and credit requirements, revise a course title that was previously changed; total credits remain the same
Program Change Honors Approval	French and Francophone Studies Minor		Eliminate the reference to specifically required courses and introduce greater flexibility to satisfy the requirements; total credits remain the same

7. Science

Mathematics and Statistics guest Yuan Wang reviewed the two new quantum computing courses and shared that these versions are variations of existing graduate Math courses. The introduction course provides the basics of quantum science while the data analysis course focuses more on the application of quantum computing on complex science. Consultations from Engineering and Physics were requested in March, but no response was received. Chair Sorge indicated that the committee considers no response after a suitable amount of time as a statement of approval. **UUPC voted to forward these two new courses with a positive recommendation.**

Dr. Wang then presented the program changes for the BA and BS in Mathematics. Both programs are adding a new Artificial Intelligence course, Applications of AI in Science, to the requirements to give students AI experience. She added that the BS program has an additional revision which is to change the title of its Mathematical Cryptology concentration to Cybersecurity. She shared that the renaming more accurately reflects the structure of this concentration, which serves as fundamental preparation for cybersecurity. Engineering and Information Technology and Operations Management in the College of Business both provided support for this title change. **UUPC voted to forward the Mathematics program changes with a positive recommendation.**

MAD 4513 Consultation Requests	Mathematical Introduction to Quantum Algorithms	3	New
MAD 4515 Consultation Requests	Mathematics of Quantum Computing and Data Analysis	3	New

Program Change	BA in Mathematics		Add a recently approved course, Applications of AI in Science, as a required course
Program Change Support	BS in Mathematics: Mathematical Cryptology Concentration (New title: Cybersecurity Concentration)		Add a recently approved course, Applications of AI in Science, as a required course for all concentrations and change the name of one concentration

8. Education, Library, Nursing, and Social Work and Criminal Justice had no reports.

IV. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next UUPC meeting is Monday, September 14, from 9 to 11 a.m., 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 11:49 a.m.