

**Members present:** Robin Larson, AL; Peter Ricci for Julia Higgs, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Yalan Liu, EG; Terje Hill and Annina Ruest, 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); Lawrence Mello, Library; Julianne Zvolensky for Sipai Klein, Writing Across Curriculum; Marie Claire DeMassi, University Registrar; Maria Jennings and Salwa Warsi, Registrar's Office.

**Guests:** Fred Bloetscher, Engineering and Computer Science; DaLaine Chapman, Music; Sharon Darling, Special Education; Rachel Harris, Communications and Multimedia Studies; Hari Kalva, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Will McConnell, Sociology; Michelle McGovern, Education Leadership and Administration; Angela Nichols, Center for Peace, Justice and Human Rights; Michael Rapoport, Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature; Chris Robé, Communication and Multimedia Studies; Stacie Rossow, Music; Sabrina Sembiente, Curriculum and Instruction; Debra Szabo, Provost's Office.

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 September 8th meeting. He asked if there were any corrections and/or additions. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. University-Wide

OURI Rep Donna Chamely-Wiik introduced the Undergraduate Research Certificate program change. This program is being revised to eliminate General Education courses that are no longer offered and adjust the credit requirements within the certificate. The certificate is reducing the Research Exposure credits from 6 to 3 and increasing Research Skill-Building credits from 3 to 6. It was noted that most students transfer with more Research Skill-Building courses and are unable to transfer the credits they have due to the minimum of 3 credits. This increase will accommodate transfer students and increase flexibility for all students completing this certificate. Chair Korey Sorge noted that there were minor errors in the program change document that needed to be revised. RO Rep Maria Jennings offered to make these changes for OURI. **UUPC approved this program change with the amended changes.**

<a href="#">Program Change</a>	Undergraduate Research Certificate	Eliminate old Gen Ed courses and adjust credit requirements within the certificate
<a href="#">Support</a>		

### 2. Arts and Letters

Communications and Multimedia Studies guest Rachel Harris discussed the new Holocaust Studies Certificate and Minor programs. These new programs aim to increase academic engagement for students interested in Jewish and Holocaust Studies. The certificate and minor can be completed with 12 credits, with 6 credits in Holocaust-specific courses and 6 credits of courses related to the Holocaust. The certificate and minor are available for all students and community professionals. Provost Office Rep Debra Szabo questioned if the courses offered in this program will be offered apart from the certificate/minor and if the certificate is attached to a major. Dr. Harris informed the committee that most of the courses are already offered, the three new courses are attached to the certificate at the moment, and these programs are tied to the Jewish Studies major. Undergraduate Studies Dean Dan Meeroff asked for the course credits to be added to the degree requirements table to be consistent with how courses are displayed in the University Catalog. Dr. Harris will make the update. **UUPC approved the new certificate and minor with the amended changes.**

Next, Dr. Harris discussed the two new Communications and Multimedia Studies courses, Holocaust on Screen and Jews in American Film and Television. These courses will be offered as part of the new certificate/minor and provide students with media representation of the Holocaust and Jewish Studies. ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji noted that these courses will be offered as 4 credits rather than 3. Dr. Harris explained that cinema studies courses are usually 4 credits to compensate for the extra time needed for students to view the screenings. **UUPC approved these two courses.**

Lastly, Dr. Harris introduced the new Holocaust Studies Practicum course. As of now, the department does not offer a practicum course and would like to offer one due to student interest. EG Rep Yalan Liu asked why the course is offered at 1 to 3 credits. Dr. Harris explained that the credits given are based on what the student has completed such as an internship, volunteer work, and teaching. The hours spent completing these activities would determine the credit hours they receive. **UUPC approved this course.**

Angela Nichols, from the Center for Peace, Justice and Human Rights, discussed the program change in the Peace, Justice and Human Rights Minor and Certificate. The change aims to make the programs more streamlined with classes that are offered regularly, increasing student completion, and adding additional courses as elective options. ED Rep Bhagwanji noted that many of the courses offered are from multiple departments and asked if these departments were contacted. Dr. Nichols informed the committee that the courses have departmental approval and that she will provide the supporting documents to RO Rep Jennings. Dean Meeroff noted that EDF 2085 will no longer be offered due to teacher preparatory course changes mandated by the state and suggested reaching out to that department for a replacement course. Dr. Nichols made note to reach out to Education regarding this change. **UUPC approved this program change with the addition of the department support documentation.**

Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature guest Michael Rapoport discussed the English as a Second Language (ESL) Certificate change. This certificate is reducing the number of credits required from 15 to 12 as this will make it easier for students without room for many extra elective credits to be able to pursue this program. **UUPC approved this program change.**

Music guest Stacie Rossow explained the three course changes, three new courses, four course terminations and the Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship Minor and Certificate change. Choral Conducting 1 and Instrumental Conducting 1 are being revised to remove the prerequisites and corequisites as the pre/corequisite courses are no longer required as part of the program. **UUPC approved these two course changes.**

Solo String Literature is undergoing a title and description change to include Chamber music as it coincides with Solo String music. **UUPC approved this course change.** Two new courses, Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship 1 and Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship 2, have been taught previously under the Commercial Music (MUM) prefix. The department would now like to offer these under the Interdisciplinary Studies prefix as it is a better fit for the content of these courses and opens them to non-music students. The department is terminating the courses under the old prefix. **UUPC approved these two new courses and two course terminations.**

Next, The Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship Minor and Certificate are being revised to increase interdisciplinary involvement, including adding an internship and updating required courses for the certificate to be completed fully online. **UUPC approved this program change.** Diction for Singers 3: French and Diction for Singers 2: German are being terminated. The content of these courses was incorporated into the two new diction courses approved at the last UUPC meeting. **UUPC approved these course terminations.**

Lastly, the department would like to offer a course in Percussion Equipment Management and Creation. This course was previously offered as a Special Topics and Directed Independent Study course and now they would like to offer it as a permanent course. This course serves to teach Percussion majors how to maintain and make their own instruments. **UUPC approved this new course.**

Sociology guest Will McConnell explained the Sociology Internship course change. This course is being revised to remove the Career Paths in Sociology prerequisite to increase more flexible access to the course. **UUPC approved this course change.**

AL Rep Robin Larson discussed the new Cultural Life History course; this course shows insights into the domains of human life and will be offered as an option for students in the BA in Anthropology. **This course and the corresponding change to add it to the BA in Anthropology electives were approved by UUPC.** The Philosophy department would like to offer two new courses, Philosophy of Video Games and Science Fiction and Philosophy. Both courses were previously offered as Special Topics and have generated great interest from students. Dean Meeroff noted that these courses and the new Anthropology course would be good options for the Research-Intensive (RI) designation. AL Rep Larson made note to inform the departments. **UUPC approved the two Philosophy courses.**

<a href="#">ANT 4543</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Cultural Life History	3	New
<a href="#">FIL 4838</a>	Holocaust on Screen	4	New
<a href="#">FIL 4886</a>	Jews in American Film and Television	4	New
<a href="#">IDS 3802</a>	Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship 1	3	New
<a href="#">IDS 4803</a>	Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship 2	3	New
<a href="#">JST 4940</a>	Holocaust Studies Practicum	1-3	New
<a href="#">MUG 3201</a>	Choral Conducting 1	1	Remove prerequisites and corequisites
<a href="#">MUG 3301</a>	Instrumental Conducting 1	1	Remove prerequisites and corequisites
<a href="#">MUL 4433</a>	Solo String Literature (New title: Solo and Chamber String Literature)	2	Change title and description
<a href="#">MUM 3052</a>	Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship 1	3	Terminate; being replaced by IDS 3802 above
<a href="#">MUM 4053</a>	Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship 2	3	Terminate; being replaced by IDS 4803 above
<a href="#">MUS 3222</a>	Diction for Singers 3: French	1	Terminate

<a href="#">MUS 3232</a>	Diction for Singers 2: German	1	Terminate
<a href="#">MVP 3603</a>	Percussion Equipment Management and Creation	2	New
<a href="#">PHM 4131</a>	Philosophy of Video Games	3	New
<a href="#">PHM 4133</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Science Fiction and Philosophy	3	New
<a href="#">SYG 4941</a>	Sociology Internship	3	Remove one of the prerequisites
<a href="#">Program Change</a>	BA in Anthropology		Add new ANT course to list of options in catalog
<a href="#">New Program</a>	Holocaust Studies Certificate and Minor		New
<a href="#">Program Change</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Peace, Justice and Human Rights Minor and Certificate		Add a new course requirement and a list of courses to electives table
<a href="#">Program Change</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	English as a Second Language (ESL) Certificate		Reduce credits from 15 to 12
<a href="#">Program Change</a> <a href="#">Support</a>	Arts and Performance Entrepreneurship Minor and Certificate		Changes to increase interdisciplinary involvement, include an internship, and make certificate fully online

### 3. Education

Curriculum and Instruction guest Sabrina Sembiante presented the new Directed Independent Research in Curriculum and Instruction course. She shared that this new course aligns with the University's effort to increase undergraduate research options. **UUPC approved this new course.** Special Education guest Sharon Darling introduced the new Directed Independent Research in Special Education course, which serves the same purpose as the other new DIR course. Dr. Darling would like to amend the effective date from Summer 2026 to Spring 2026 so that they can advertise the course to their students sooner. RO Rep Jennings offered to amend the form accordingly. **UUPC approved this new course with the amended effective date.**

Leadership and Administration guest Michelle McGovern explained the new Combined Program: BA/BAE in Elementary Education to MED in Elementary Education, allowing students to complete the bachelor's and master's in a shorter amount of time by taking four graduate courses during the undergraduate program that count toward both programs. This program offers electives at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and shares courses with Counselor Education, who is in support of the proposal. This program was presented and approved at the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) meeting. RO Rep Jennings reminded the group that new combined programs or

combined program changes must be presented to this committee and UGPC. It is preferable to send them to each committee during the same month, so that they can be discussed and approved for the next steps synchronously. **UUPC approved this new program.**

ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji discussed the credit and prerequisite change for the Student Teaching: Exceptional Student Education course (EEX 4946). The credits are increasing from 4-9 to 3-12 to accommodate full-time students completing their student teaching requirements. It is feasible for them to complete it in one semester rather than splitting it across two or more semesters, hence the credit increase. The prerequisite change for this course requires students to gain advisor approval and a GPA requirement to enroll. **UUPC approved this course change.** This course change coincides with the Exceptional Student BA and BAE program change. The program is being revised to move two required courses to be taken earlier and incorporate the credit change to the EEX 4946 course. Moving the two required courses to be taken in the earlier semesters will allow students to remain at a full-time status and better prepare them for the FTCE and ESE exams. **UUPC approved this program change.**

<a href="#">EDG 4916 Support</a>	Directed Independent Research in Curriculum and Instruction	0-3	New
<a href="#">EEX 4916 Support</a>	Directed Independent Research in Special Education	0-3	New
<a href="#">EEX 4946 Support</a>	Student Teaching: Exceptional Student Education	4-9 to 3-12	Change credits and prerequisites
<a href="#">New Program Support Provost Office Approval</a>	Combined Program: BA/BAE in Elementary Education to MED in Elementary Education		New
<a href="#">Program Change</a>	Exceptional Student Education BA and BAE		Move several required courses to be taken earlier and incorporate changes related to EEX 4946

#### 4. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Yalan Liu explained the prerequisite change for the Hydrologic Engineering course (CWR 4202). The department proposes adding Applied Hydraulics as a second prerequisite for this course to help students be better prepared for the content in CWR 4202. **UUPC approved this course change.**

Next, Engineering and Computer Science Associate Dean Fred Bloetscher discussed the BS in Biomedical Engineering program change. This program change includes updating the faculty list, expanding program objectives, and revising the curriculum to three primary tracks to meet the 120-credit degree requirement. Chair Sorge noted that there was information from the College of Nursing included in the program and questioned whether Nursing had been consulted. Dr. Bloetscher offered to contact Nursing for approval to remove the outdated language. Members of the committee highlighted that there were errors in credits for some courses listed in the tables. EG Rep Yalan Liu informed the committee that she would provide a cleaner version of the proposal. **UUPC approved this program change with pending approval and credit amendments.**

EG Rep Liu introduced the two new programs, the combined program: BS in Biomedical Engineering to MS in Artificial Science and the degree program: BS in Artificial Intelligence with Biology. RO Rep Jennings noted that the combined program will have to be presented to the UGPC as it includes courses at the graduate level. Dr. Debra Szabo, Provost's Office, stated that the graduate courses that will be shared between the bachelor's and master's programs are not noted in the paperwork. Rep Liu offered to postpone the combined program so that the shared courses could be added and stated she will let the department know this program also needs to be submitted to UGPC. The new degree program, BS in Artificial Intelligence with Biology, was also postponed as it was noted the AI portion of the program is not set with what courses are to be taken and the support statements from Biology and College of Science were not included. **UUPC approved the motion to postpone these two new programs to the next meeting.**

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science guest Hari Kalva explained the new AI Capstone Projects course. This course would serve as an option for students in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program as a research elective. This course will allow students the opportunity to complete a project in AI. Dean Meeroff asked how frequently this course will be offered and if it will be available to students in other colleges. Dr. Kalva stated that the course would be taught on a yearly basis at the start and more sections would be offered more frequently based on need and enrollment. He informed the committee that the department did not plan to offer the course to students in other colleges initially and that if students from other college would like to take the course, they would need permission from the department or instructor. Chair Sorge asked why the course has a prerequisite of instructor approval rather than an actual course. Dr. Kalva said that the course prerequisite would have to be decided by the instructor based on what the student has taken rather than listing multiple courses as prerequisites, which would not apply to all students. **UUPC approved this new course.**

Lastly, Dr. Bloetscher reviewed the College of Engineering and Computer Science general section program change. This proposal aims to expand wording on the Senior Sequential Design course and the Unsuccessful Course Attempts and Limitation on Course Attempts policies to provide more context to students and to update requirements for the Timely Degree Completion Policy. Dr. Bloetscher asked to postpone this proposal as it was noted additional revisions to the Honors Program in Engineering are needed. Confusion about previous changes approved for this program need to be resolved. **UUPC approved the motion to postpone this program change to the next meeting.**

<a href="#">CWR 4202</a>	Hydrologic Engineering	3	Change prerequisites
<a href="#">CAI 4741</a>	AI Capstone Projects	3	New
<a href="#">Program Change Support</a>	BS in Biomedical Engineering		Revise curriculum for the three tracks, remove two tracks, and expand objectives
<a href="#">New Program Support</a> (Postponed until next meeting.)	Combined Program: BS in Biomedical Engineering to MS in Artificial Intelligence		New

<a href="#">New Program</a> <a href="#">State Forms</a> <a href="#">Flight Plans</a> <a href="#">Faculty Support</a> (Postponed until next meeting.)	Degree Program: BS in Artificial Intelligence with Biology		New
<a href="#">Program Change</a> (Postponed until next meeting.)	College of Engineering and Computer Science general section revisions		Make several adjustments to general requirements and college policies

## 5. Honors College

HC Rep Annina Ruest discussed the Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics course change. The College proposes to change its number to the 2000-level to align with the course change the College of Arts and Letters presented at the last meeting. Dean Meeroff notified the committee that both colleges are trying to make this course part of the General Education Curriculum, but they are still pending approval for that Gen Ed addition. They were advised to submit changes to both versions of the course without the General Education indicator and to add it later through a course change proposal for the 2027-2028 academic year, as the state is no longer approving General Education courses for 2026-2027. **UUPC approved this course change.** Next, the Law and Society Concentration is being revised to add two recently approved courses, the Honors Public Policy Process course and the Honors Introduction to Political Theory course. **UUPC approved this program change.**

Dr. Ruest then introduced the two new programs, Child and Family Studies Minor and International Studies Minor. The Child and Family Studies Minor prepares students for careers involved with children and families by giving them the opportunity to see how different fields approach the same issues. The International Studies Minor allows students to enhance their knowledge in global issues from various disciplinary perspectives. **UUPC approved these two new programs.**

Lastly, the Political Science Concentration is being revised to add several courses to its list of electives, including courses from the College of Arts and Letters, and adding a statement to clarify the number of credits a student can earn from courses offered by the Political Science department in the College of Arts and Letters. **UUPC approved this program change.**

<a href="#">CPO 3003 (CPO 2002)</a> <a href="#">Honors Approval</a>	Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	Change course level to 2000, course number, and description
<a href="#">Program Change</a> <a href="#">Honors Approval</a>	Law and Society Concentration		Add two new electives
<a href="#">New Program</a>	Child and Family Studies Minor		New

<a href="#">Honors Approval Support</a>			
<a href="#">New Program Honors Approval</a>	International Studies Minor		New
<a href="#">Program Change Honors Approval Support</a>	Political Science Concentration		Make several course additions to the electives, including courses from Arts and Letters

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

### III. **FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next UUPC meeting is Monday, November 3, 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 11:47 a.m.