

Members present: Robin Larson, AL; Julia Higgs, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Yalan Liu, EG; Miguel Vázquez for 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); Maura Flaschner, Admissions; Marie Claire DeMassi, University Registrar; Maria Jennings and Salwa Warsi, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Nicholas Baima, Philosophy; Donella Beckwith, Chemistry and Biochemistry; Fred Bloetscher, Engineering and Computer Science; Randy Brooks, Biological Sciences; DaLaine Chapman, Music; Hari Kalva, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Elizabeth Kennedy, University Advising Services; Melina Matos, Urban and Regional Planning; Michael Rapoport, Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature; 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 October 6th meeting. He asked if there were any corrections and/or additions. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

II. Old Business

1. Engineering

EG Rep Yalan Liu discussed the new Combined Program: BS in Biomedical Engineering to MS in Artificial Intelligence. This program was introduced at the last meeting but was postponed as the Graduate Programs Committee had not approved the proposal. This proposal has now been approved by GPC. Debra Szabo, Provost's Office, noted that there is no clear explanation for the course substitutions made between the undergraduate and graduate courses. She requested a crosswalk table to show how the courses relate and to include a statement that shows how the courses meet the requirements of both degrees and how the content of the courses relate. **UUPC approved this program pending the required table and statement.**

The department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and Biological Sciences have decided to withdraw the new BS in Artificial Intelligence with Biology Program as the colleges are still working out the details.

Lastly, Engineering and Computer Science guest Fred Bloetscher discussed the College of Engineering and Computer Science general section revisions. This proposal was introduced in the last meeting but later postponed due to additional revisions needed in the Honors in Engineering Program language. Besides the honors program updates, the proposal includes expanding the language on the Senior Design Sequence courses, adding an Unsuccessful Course Attempts section to give grading options and context on the policy, updating the Limitation on Course Attempts policy, and revising the Timely Degree Completion Policy. This policy is being updated to award students who have been in the program for more than 6 years, are more than 30 credits away from graduation, and have made no progress in obtaining their intended degree to be awarded a Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) degree. ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji asked if the college and advisors are allowed to push these students toward a BGS degree. Dr. Bloetscher responded that this is the only degree some students can be awarded because they have not made progress toward their intended degree. If students state they do not want this degree, they can petition it, and it will be reviewed by the Provost's Office. Maura Flaschner, Admissions, suggested that the College of Engineering and Computer Science and the College of Business should advertise the repeat course policy to incoming freshman students as those colleges have similar unsuccessful course attempts policies in place. This will allow incoming students to better understand the requirements in their degree program. Dr. Bloetscher agreed to meet with Admissions

and the College of Business to discuss this further. **UUPC approved this program change.**

New Program Support	Combined Program: BS in Biomedical Engineering to MS in Artificial Intelligence		New
New Program State Forms Flight Plans Faculty Support (withdrawn)	Degree Program: BS in Artificial Intelligence with Biology	120	New
Program Change Honors Approval	College of Engineering and Computer Science general section revisions		Make several adjustments to general requirements and honors program

III. New Business

1. Admissions

Maura Flaschner informed the committee that the first wave of admission decisions for freshman students will be released on December 5 after 5 pm.

2. Arts and Letters

Music guest DaLaine Chapman discussed the changes in the Bachelor of Arts in Music. This program is being revised to be more in line with the core requirements of the other degrees offered by the Music department by adjusting the General Education requirements, updating the Music core requirements, aligning degree-specific coursework with competencies, and increasing flexibility for students. **UUPC approved this program change.** Next, Dr. Chapman explained the change in the Choral Methods course. The description for this course is being updated to include the teaching practices needed to teach music at the secondary level. Undergraduate Studies Dean Dan Meerooff noted the large number of outcomes listed in the syllabus and recommended that fewer should be included for assessment purposes. Provost's Office Rep Debra Szabo agreed. **UUPC approved this course.**

AL Rep Robin Larson introduced the new International Cinema course. This course focuses on cinema and screen cultures from national, international and translational perspectives. This specific course focuses on Israeli Cinema, and the department plans to highlight different cultures in the future through this course. **UUPC approved this course.** Next, Dr. Larson explained the title change for the RI: Senior Seminar course. The department is revising the title to RI: Research Seminar as the course currently has lower enrollment due to students assuming the course can only be taken in their senior year. RO Rep Maria Jennings questioned whether the URCC Committee had to approve of this change. OURI Rep Donna Chamely-Wiik informed the committee that if the content of the course is not negatively impacted then it does not have to go through their committee. Chair Sorge noted that the course form is missing "RI:" before the new title and requested they make this change. **UUPC approved this course pending the amended paperwork.**

Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature guest Michael Rapoport introduced the three new programs, the program change in Interdisciplinary Studies, and the changes in two of the linguistics courses. The Classical Studies Undergraduate Certificate is having the course list revised to include

new courses and remove those no longer taught. It is also reducing the total number of credits needed to complete the certificate from 18 to 15 to create more flexibility for students. RO Rep Jennings asked for the certificate language to be in noted red to show the changes clearly. **UUPC approved this program change pending the updated paperwork.**

The new Classical Studies Undergraduate Minor compliments the existing certificate and is intended to serve degree-seeking students, while the certificate is for non-degree seeking students. The minor can be completed with 15 credits, 9 of those credits must be from upper-division courses. **UUPC approved this new program.** The department proposed the Undergraduate Certificate and Minor in Middle Eastern Studies to serve students who have taken courses in this field and those who are interested in Middle Eastern studies to be able to obtain a minor or certificate. The minor and certificate require 12 to 13 credits. The courses in these programs are regularly offered and have a steady enrollment rate. **UUPC approved these two programs.**

Lastly, Dr. Rapoport discussed the linguistic course changes. The Perspectives on Language course is having its title revised to Perspectives on Language and Culture. The department felt that the original title did not fully encompass the contents of the course. The title and description are being amended to accommodate for this change. Dean Meeroff noted that since this course is part of the General Education Curriculum, these changes will not be in effect until Fall 2027, pending Board of Governors approval. **UUPC approved this course change.** For the linguistics Special Topics course, the prerequisite is being removed as it is no longer necessary and instructors have been overriding students who have not taken the prerequisite course. **UUPC approved this course change.**

Philosophy guest Nicholas Baima explained the program change in the Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. This program is being revised to add three tracks, which will create more flexibility for students pursuing the degree and generate greater student interest. **UUPC approved this program change.**

Dr. Baima and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science guest Hari Kalva introduced the new Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence with Philosophy degree program. The Philosophy department is collaborating with Engineering to create a joint degree that will allow students to gain interdisciplinary AI skills and stay competitive within their field of study. Students are required to complete 120 credits from a mix of Engineering and Philosophy courses. Dr. Kalva noted that the capstone course that was approved in the last meeting will be included in this program and added that the goal is to create additional programs tied to AI so that other majors have the opportunity to develop their AI skills, such as what Philosophy is doing. OURI Rep Donna Chamey-Wiik stated that she will reach out to the department to get the AI Capstone course to be RI designated. Dean Meeroff shared that a proposed new Board of Governors metric may include capstone course enrollment. **UUPC approved this new program.**

FIL 4828	International Cinema	4	New
HIS 4935	RI: Senior Seminar (New title: RI: Research Seminar)	3	Change title
LIN 2607 General Education Approval	Perspectives on Language (New title: Perspectives on Language and Culture)	3	Change title and description
LIN 4930	Special Topics	3	Remove prerequisite

MUE 4140	Choral Methods	3	Change description
New Program Support (See below in Engineering for additional paperwork.)	Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence with Philosophy	120	New
New Program Support	Classical Studies Undergraduate Minor	15	New
Program Change Support	Classical Studies Undergraduate Certificate	18 to 15	Revise course list and reduce total credits required to complete
New Program Support	Undergraduate Certificate in Middle Eastern Studies	12-13	New
New Program Support	Undergraduate Minor in Middle Eastern Studies	12-13	New
Program Change	Bachelor of Arts in Music	120	Adjust General Education requirements, update Music core courses, align degree-specific coursework with competencies, and increase flexibility
Program Change	Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	120	Add new tracks within the Philosophy major to increase flexibility and student interest

3. Business

BA Rep Julia Higgs explained the two course changes for AI Skills for Business Communication and Business Communications Across Cultures. These courses are removing their prerequisites as they are no longer necessary. **UUPC approved these two course changes.** The Minor/Certificate in Applied Global Business Communications is being revised to accommodate the varying number of credits for the language courses that are required for these programs. The minor will be adjusted from 17 credits to 15-17 credits, and the certificate from 14 credits to 12-14 credits. **UUPC approved this program change.** The Club Management Certificate is adjusting one course. HFT 4503 is being replaced with HFT 4240 to maintain relevancy with current industry needs. **UUPC approved this program change.**

GEB 3234 Support	AI for Business Communication	3	Remove prerequisite
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GEB 4253 Support	Business Communications Across Cultures	3	Remove prerequisite
Program Change	Club Management Certificate	15	Replace HFT 4503 with HFT 4240 to make curriculum more relevant
Program Change	Minor/Certificate in Applied Global Business Communications	17 to 15-17 for Minor and 14 to 12-14 for Certificate	Change credit requirements due to changes associated with languages

4. Engineering and Computer Science

EG Rep Yalan Liu discussed the course change for Computer Applications in ME 2. This course is being amended to change its prerequisites by adding one more course. This new prerequisite teaches students about the ME lab and numerical methods, essential topics to better understand the content of ME 2. **UUPC approved this course change.** The Aerospace Engineering and Robotics Engineering Certificates are reducing their credits from 15 to 12, adding an elective course, and increasing technical elective course options. **UUPC approved these program changes.**

EML 4534	Computer Applications in ME 2	3	Change prerequisites
New Program State Forms Flight Plan MOU Document Academic Planning and Budget Approval Support (See Above in Arts and Letters for additional paperwork and program explanation.)	Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence with Philosophy	120	New
Program Change	Aerospace Engineering and Robotics Engineering Certificates	15 to 12	Reduce credits, add elective courses, and increase technical elective courses

5. Honors College

Honors College Rep Miguel Vázquez explained the course change for the Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics course. Honors College is adding the course to the General Education Curriculum starting in Fall 2027 in the Social Science Group B area. This course has already been approved as a General Education course for the College of Arts and Letters. Honors College would like to offer it as General Education for its students as well. **UUPC approved this course change.** Two new courses, Honors Introduction to Neuroscience and Honors Neurobiology Imaging were introduced. These courses are supported by the Biological Sciences Department and were vetted by the University

Honors Council. **UUPC approved these two courses.** Next, the Honors Cellular Neuroscience and Honors Behavioral Neuroscience courses are having their prerequisites changed to add the new course PCB 3840 as another choice for students to take as a prerequisite course. **UUPC approved these two course changes.** Lastly, the College would like to add a new Neuroscience Minor. This minor is geared toward students that are not in a neuroscience concentration but are interested in neuroscience topics. This minor can be completed with 15 credits with 3 required courses and 2 elective courses of the student's choice. Both the Psychology and Biological Sciences departments support the creation of this minor. **UUPC approved this new program.**

CPO 2002 General Education Approval	Honors Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	Add as General Education course in the Social Science Group B area
PCB 3840 Honors Approval Support	Honors Introduction to Neuroscience	3	New
PCB 3850C Honors Approval Support	Honors Neurobiology Imaging	3	New
PCB 4841 Honors Approval	Honors Cellular Neuroscience	3	Change prerequisite
PSB 3340 Honors Approval	Honors Behavioral Neuroscience	3	Change prerequisite
New Program Honors Approval Support	Neuroscience Minor	15	New

6. Science

Biological Sciences guest Randy Brooks introduced the new Brain Modeling and Simulation course. This course focuses on the biophysical modeling of neural systems. Members of the committee noted that the syllabus included language indicating that the course is an Academic Service-Learning Designated course. Dr. Brooks made note of this and offered to reach out to the instructor regarding whether the course is ASL designated. OURI Rep Donna Chamely-Wiik noted that the syllabus included RI learning outcomes, which are not needed for this course. **UUPC approved this new course pending a revised syllabus.**

Dr. Brooks explained the Bachelor of Science program change as well. This program is being revised to make credit adjustments by adding and removing electives and updating the faculty list. Dean Meeroff noted that removing the Honors Introduction to Academic Life course and First-Year Interest

Group Experience course will impact incoming students receiving financial aid as they are required for incoming freshmen. He stated that he will reach out to the Registrar's Office and Financial Aid regarding the impact of the removal of these courses. Chair Sorge suggested that the program change be revised to postpone the removal of the two SLS courses so that the committee could vote on the remaining items in the proposal. Members of the committee agreed. **UUPC approved items 1-4 and 6 and postponed item 5 (involving the SLS courses) allowing more time for discussion on this change.**

Chemistry and Biochemistry guest Daniella Beckwith discussed the BS in Chemistry: Concentration in Biochemistry program change. This program is revising its general mathematics requirements and simplifying the elective course requirement statement, allowing an alternate pathway and more flexibility. The general mathematics requirement will now allow students to substitute Introductory Statistics and Methods of Calculus in place of Calculus with Analytical Geometry 1 and Experiment Design and Statistical Interference. Dean Meeroff asked why this change is happening and if faculty has a preference. Dr. Beckwith informed the committee that the faculty does not have a preference. She added it is helpful to allow students to make this substitution as it is difficult to switch their major once they take Organic Chemistry, plus it allows students to complete the BS program as opposed to just the BA. This will ensure that students are not discouraged from completing their degree. **UUPC approved this program change.**

Lastly, Urban and Regional Planning guest Melina Matos explained the title and description change for the Planning for Hazards/Disasters course. The department would like to offer this course with a Research-Intensive designation and are amending the course to accommodate for this change. ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji asked where this course fits within their curriculum. Dr. Matos stated that this course is an elective and offered to students from all colleges. **UUPC approved this course change.**

BSC 4894 Support	Brain Modeling and Simulation	3	New
URP 4430 URCC Approval	Planning for Hazards/Disasters (New title: RI: Planning for Hazards/Disasters)	3	Change title and description to include RI designation
Program Change	BS in Biological Sciences		Make credit adjustments, add and remove electives, and update faculty list
Program Change	BS in Chemistry: Concentration in Biochemistry		Revise general mathematics requirements and elective course language

7. Social Work and Criminal Justice

SJ Rep Sigal Rubin discussed the two title changes for the Criminal Justice Field Experience 1 and 2 courses. The titles for these courses are being revised to Criminal Justice Internship 1 and Criminal Justice Internship 2 as the contents of the course suggested experimental learning and the new title will emphasize that these courses are intended for internship opportunities for students in the Criminology and Criminal Justice programs. **UUPC approved these two course changes.**

CCJ 4940	Criminal Justice Field Experience 1 (New title: Criminal Justice Internship 1)	0-4	Change title
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CCJ 4941	Criminal Justice Field Experience 2 (New title: Criminal Justice Internship 2)	0-4	Change title
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8. University-Wide, Education, Library and Nursing had no reports.

IV. FINAL DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next UUPC meeting is Monday, December 1, 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 11:33 a.m.