

Members present: Chair Jerry Haky, SC; Clifford Brown, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; Ellen Ryan, CDSI; Peggy Goldstein, ED; Dan Meeroff, EG; Michael Harrawood, HC; Alyse Ergood, Library; Katherine Chadwell, NU; Edward Pratt, Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Maria Jennings and Nilce Maldonado, Registrar’s Office.

Guests: Bruce Arneklev, Assistant Director and Associate Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice; Desmond Gallant, Chair and Associate Professor, Theatre and Dance; Mary Ann Gosser, Chair, University Honors Council; Laura Joella, Associate Professor, Music; Kathryn Johnston, Assistant Professor, Theatre and Dance; Rebecca Lautar, Chair, Music; Charles Roberts, Associate Dean, College of Science, and Interim Chair, Geosciences; John Sandell, Director and Associate Professor, Architecture; Kelly Shannon, Assistant Professor, History; Debra Szabo, for Russell Ivy, Provost’s Office.

Chair Jerry Haky called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

I. MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Chair Jerry Haky welcomed Committee members and guests to the meeting.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Chair Haky once again voiced that it is imperative for a representative to be present at the Steering and Senate meetings. It is crucial to be there to answer any questions raised about program changes the UUPC has on the agenda. He mentioned that the Leadership Minor from the College of Education was tabled at Steering due to objections from Political Science for not being consulted.

He also pointed out that one syllabus presented for a course that will be part of the Leadership Minor was copied from USF and still had the USF references in it. He implored Committee representatives to double check the items they are being asked to submit to UUPC to ensure they are accurate. He added he understands everyone is busy, but if each representative checks his or her own submissions carefully, this would eliminate these embarrassing situations where Steering or Senate finds errors in the UUPC items.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. College of Education

SDS 3483 – University Student Mentoring and Peer Coaching

This item was initially tabled on February 20 due to incomplete forms. Education Representative Peggy Goldstein confirmed the forms now have all the proper information.

She explained that the creation of this course is an outcome of ideas shared with President Kelly when he visited with the College of Education. The discussion centered around FAU’s leadership platform and the need to offer more leadership developmental skills to students. Chair Haky asked what kind of student would likely take this course. Undergraduate Studies Dean Ed Pratt replied it would be particularly good for peer student mentors. Business Representative Ethlyn Williams mentioned that these types of peer mentoring courses have been very successful for the retention initiative at the University of Miami. **UUPC approved the new course.**

SDS 3483 Form Syllabus Approvals	University Student Mentoring and Peer Coaching	2	New	
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III. NEW BUSINESS UNIVERSITY-WIDE

IDS 3949 – Professional Internship

Dean Pratt presented this course on behalf of Sandra Jakubow, Executive Director of the Career Development Center (CDC), who had another commitment. He explained that this course is being created by the CDC to track 0-1-credit internships already taking place for which students are not currently receiving credit. But it may also serve as a course for students who are interested in extracurricular or field experiences that will help them gain valuable real-world exposure and broaden their career skills.

Dean Pratt added this satisfactory/unsatisfactory course is not tied to any particular college curriculum, but colleges may use it for their students if they would like. Engineering Representative Dan Meeroff raised the question of who determines a student’s final grade for this course, especially if the evaluations turned in by the student are poor. Dean Pratt stated that the CDC would make the grade determinations.

He also confirmed that IDS 3949 will not interfere with the colleges that are already offering internships, but on the contrary, it will benefit those that do not have an internship course in place. He mentioned that President Kelly is very interested in implementing this new course as he believes it will secure students better job opportunities after graduation. Nursing Representative Kitty Chadwell asked if her College could use this course for students who are already doing extra field work/extracurriculars, for which they are not getting credit. Dean Pratt completely agreed.

ED Rep. Goldstein asked if these internships would be paid or unpaid. Dean Pratt explained that they could be either. The course will try to expand internship opportunities across the board into paid as well as unpaid opportunities. Chair Haky suggested that it will be important to clearly monitor that the companies providing the internships are treating our students fairly if not providing compensation. Also, that they are not using the internships to replace minimum wage jobs, but only as offering career planning opportunities. **UUPC approved the new course.**

IDS 3949 Form Syllabus	Professional Internship	0-1	New	
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IV. BUSINESS FROM THE COLLEGES

1. Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

- a. **Revision to History Elective Requirement:** History representative Dr. Kelly Shannon explained that the Department of History would like to clarify and strengthen its non-History elective requirements. The current requirement states students must complete 9 credits of electives from courses within the College, excluding History courses. The new requirement adds that the courses must be upper-division and must be passed with a grade of “C” or better and gives provisions for 2000-level language courses that may be included. **UUPC approved the requirement change.**
- b. **Revisions to Music Programs:** Music Chair Rebecca Lautar informed the committee that a review by Music’s accrediting body recommended replacing the Voice Techniques course with Introduction to Vocal Pedagogy for the vocal majors. Non-vocal majors will still take the Voice Techniques course, but this change removes vocal majors from that course, giving them better instruction specifically geared toward them in the Vocal Pedagogy course. Chair Lautar explained that because a variety of music majors take the Voice Techniques class, vocal majors were not receiving the highest level of training as the non-vocal students in the class were lowering the pedagogical level of it. **UUPC approved the program change.**

Chair Lautar also explained the proposed revision for the Commercial Music minor, which is available to non-Music majors only. This change replaces a course in the minor, American Popular Music, with Rock and Roll in American Society. The reason this change will be beneficial is because American Popular

Music is a required course for Music majors and rarely available for non-Music majors, while the Rock and Roll course offers similar content with no prerequisites, is available traditionally and online and is available throughout the year. This course replacement will give Commercial Music Minor students greater flexibility in completing the program. **UUPC approved the program change.**

- c. **Credit increase for BFA in Theatre and Dance (TABLED):** Theatre and Dance Chair Desmond Gallant explained that the department would like to have the credit limit of 120 waived for the BFA in Theatre and Dance and gave several reasons why. He stated the BFA is considered a pre-professional degree, and as such, it is expected that students pursuing this degree emerge from their institutions more highly qualified for their careers than students from a Bachelor of Arts Program. In addition, Dr. Gallant stated this increase in credits would put the program on par with the same programs at peer state institutions.

Dean Pratt requested that this item be tabled as it needs prior approval from the Provost before increasing credits. He emphatically expressed that this type of program change is a serious matter that requires careful examination as it can affect FAU's six-year graduation rate, plus student excess hours and other parts of the Board of Governors' metrics system. He added that the norm for most degrees nationwide is 120 credits and that the state is currently reviewing programs that are greater than 120 credits with the possibility of getting the credit totals lowered to 120.

Dr. Gallant asked about the procedure to have this proposal reviewed by the Provost and agreed for it to be tabled until that review can take place.

Program Changes	History Elective Requirements	
Program Changes. Flight Plan Changes.	Music Vocal Core Course Replacement	
Minor Changes	Commercial Music Minor	

2. College of Design and Social Inquiry

- a. **Architectural Studies Minor:** Architecture Director John Sandell explained that the department has approximately 250-280 students involved in the lower division, some of whom decide to change majors after grasping the arduous work involved in the program. The School of Architecture is proposing a minor that would give students the credit for some of the efforts accomplished during those first two years in case they decide to leave the major. He also pointed out that a secondary benefit for creating this minor would be to keep students in the University. If students decide to switch majors, at least the work previously done, up to 20 credits, will not be squandered. **UUPC approved the minor.**
- b. **Criminal Justice Minor revisions:** Dr. Bruce Arneklev, Assistant Director of Criminology and Criminal Justice, stated that the changes proposed for the Criminal Justice Minor include removing the required Criminology course because that course has had a recent prerequisite addition making it more difficult for students to pursue the minor. Instead of requiring that course, the minor would now require students to choose two of six restricted electives for the minor. The minor will remain at 15 credits. These proposed changes would increase the flexibility for students while maintaining the integrity of the program. For complete changes, see the table below. **UUPC approved changes to the minor.**
- c. **CJE 3674- Introduction to Forensic Science (TABLED):** After much discussion, this course was tabled by the Committee because it needs to be reviewed by Science and Anthropology to ensure no courses in those areas overlap with this one. Dr. Arneklev explained he was not aware that this course might overlap other areas and therefore did not seek a review. He offered to reach out to Science and Anthropology for their review.

Design and Social Inquiry Representative Ellen Ryan raised the question of how to best find out when a course might be possibly conflicting with another department. ED Rep. Goldstein proposed that one way would be to send an email to UUPC representatives prior to the meetings to ask if the course conflicts another course in their colleges. Based on the feedback provided by Committee members, the person proposing the course can hopefully get the proper approvals prior to the date of the meeting.

New Minor	Architectural Studies	
Minor Changes	Criminal Justice Minor	

3. College of Education

ED Rep. Goldstein **tabled HSC 2101** because it needs approval to be an Intellectual Foundations Program course.

4. Honors College

Representative Michael Harrawood explained that the Honors Core document, course change and new courses below are presented by the College in an effort to be in compliance with the State of Florida’s common core requirement. University Honors Council (UHC) Chair Mary Ann Gosser expressed that this long process has brought the Honors College core much closer to the honors core in Boca. **UUPC approved the Honors College proposals in the tables below.**

Rep. Harrawood asked for IDH 4890, PHI 2010, PHI 3633 and PHI 3660 to be **tabled** as they need UHC approval and two of them need Writing Across Curriculum approval.

ENC 1123 (1101) Form Syllabus UHC Approval	Honors Intro. to Academic Writing (New title: Honors College Writing)	3	Change number and title	
HUM 2020 Form Syllabus UHC Approval	Honors Intro. to the Humanities	3	New	
LIT 2000 Form Syllabus UHC Approval	Honors Intro. to Literature (Approved for WAC)	3	New and proposed WAC course	
LIT 4434 Form Syllabus UHC Approval	Honors Literature and the Environment	3	New	
PHI 3459 Form Syllabus UHC Approval	Honors Philosophy of Medicine	3	New	

Program Changes	Honors College Core Revision	
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5. Library

Representative Alyse Ergood provided information about current and future library events. Among those she mentioned are:

- Meeting students online for research consultations;
- Working with the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for the library to engage to during research day;
- Traveling exhibition, the Lincoln Exhibit, runs until April 30;
- Teaching Library instructional classes for Navitas students;

- Offering financial success seminars for students and faculty;
- Visit <http://www.fau.edu/library/> for detailed Library information.

Chair Haky asked how the search is going for a new dean for the Library. Rep. Ergood replied that there are two potential candidates.

6. Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Geosciences Interim Chair and Science Associate Dean Charles Roberts presented **EVR 1001, Environmental Science and Sustainability**, approved earlier that day by the Intellectual Foundation Program (IFP). He explained that this course will fulfill a state-mandated category for the common core.

EG Rep. Dan Meeroff pointed out that if the word “earth” had been included in the course title for this EVR 1001 course, Engineering students could have used it as well to count for their earth science requirement. Engineering will have to create its own course even though it will be similar to the environmental science course, only with a different course title. **UUPC approved the new course.**

Dr. Roberts went on to explain that second new course proposal, **GEO 3391**, focuses on sustainability science. The course emphasis will be on human geography, looking at how sea-level rise impacts humans, especially in the South Florida area. **UUPC approved the new course.**

The third new course proposed by Geosciences, **GIS 4036C, LiDAR Remote Sensing**, was tabled due to multiple conflicts with Engineering. Dr. Roberts explained that Geosciences has been teaching this subject for about four years through portions of various courses, but does not have an undergraduate course that covers this subject only. As the subject has grown, it has become progressively similar to courses in Geomatics Engineering. Dr. Roberts stated to have met with Geomatics, and they would like the Science course withdrawn so they are the only ones to teach it. However, Dr. Roberts has not had an opportunity to meet with the Geosciences faculty to discuss this idea as reorganization is occurring in his department.

EG Rep. Meeroff voiced that they have been working together toward the program change, but there is a significant overlap between some Geomatics Engineering courses and this proposed course and another Geoscience course, including the same textbooks and similar titles. Rep. Meeroff expressed concerns that each department has a faculty member who can teach the same subjects. He said his College voted 13-1 against this Geosciences course.

After much discussion, Chair Haky asked if a month would be sufficient to resolve the issues. Dr. Roberts tabled the course and will share the issues with his faculty and while continuing discussions with the Geomatics folks.

Lastly, Dr. Roberts explained that the only change for **ESC 2070** is to the course number so that it can be in compliance with the state’s common core. **UUPC approved the change.**

ESC 2070 (2000) Form Syllabus	The Blue Planet	3	Change number	
EVR 1001 Form Syllabus	Environmental Science and Sustainability (Approved for IFP)	3	New and proposed IFP course	
GEO 3391 Form Syllabus	Sea-Level Rise: Impacts and Responses	3	New	

V. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next UUPC meeting will be Friday, April 24, 10 am to noon, in SU-80, room 132. Chair Haky reminded the committee that the next meeting is the final meeting for this academic year and items approved at that meeting will not go before Steering and Senate until September.

New programs and program changes approved at this March meeting will be considered by Steering and UFS on the dates below. Colleges and units with items approved are requested to have a representative present at those meetings: Steering - April 14, UFS - April 24. Times and locations appear in the links below.

Steering meeting dates:

<http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/steering-committee.php>

University Faculty Senate meeting dates:

<http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar.php>

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.