

**University Graduate Council (via Zoom)**  
**March 25, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, Education; Ali Danesh, Education; Anita Pennathur, GPC Chair, Business; Dawn Froot, Library; Darren Pikul, GPSA; Eric Bertlatsky, A&L; Clifford Brown, A&L; Arthur Sementelli, CDSI; Marianne Porter, Science; David Newman, Nursing; Mihaela Cardei, Engineering; Christopher Beetle, Science.

**Others Present:** Robert Stackman, Graduate College; Brian Farrell, Graduate College; Liana Smith, Graduate College; David Menachof, Business; William Kalies, Science.

**Absent:** Mahyar Shirazi, Medicine; Manny Gonzalez, CDSI; Ramesh Teegavarapu, Engineering; Sabrina Sembiante, Education.

- I. Meeting called to order by UGC Chair, Paul Peluso at 2:01 pm.
  - A. Introductions were made.
- II. Announcements
  - A. Paul: What a difference a month makes!
  - B. Paul: One discussion item after curricula items.
  - C. No other announcements from any of the members.
- III. Review of minutes from the February 26, 2020 meeting.
  - A. The minutes from the last UGC meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. The below items/curriculum proposals were reviewed:

**New Curriculum Proposals for March 25, 2020**

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
<b>Reviewers by College: CDSI, Nursing</b>				
Course Change	LIN5745: Linguistics and Reading	Arts & Letters	3	AC (changes made)
Course Change	TPP6517: Movement for the Graduate Actor 3	Arts & Letters	2	AC (changes made)
Course Change	TPP6535: Movement for the Graduate Actor; Stage Combat	Arts & Letters	2	A
Course Change	TPP6717: Voice for the Graduate Actor 3	Arts & Letters	3	A
New Course	COM6318: Communication Research and Design	Arts & Letters	3	AC
New Course	LIN6165: Field Methods	Arts & Letters	3	A
New Course	LIN6226: Phonetics	Arts & Letters	3	A

New Course	LIN6336: Phonology	Arts & Letters	3	A
New Course	LIN6402: Morphology	Arts & Letters	3	A
New Course	LIN6520: Syntax	Arts & Letters	3	A
New Course	SPW6405: Building a 'National' Literature for the Middle Ages	Arts & Letters	3	A
Program Change	Communication Studies (COMC)	Arts & Letters	N/A	AC (changes made)
Program Change	Master of Music: All concentrations	Arts & Letters	N/A	A
Program Change	M.F.A. with Major in Theatre: All Concentrations	Arts & Letters	N/A	A
Program Change	M.F.A. in Theatre: Performance	Arts & Letters	N/A	A
<b>Reviewers by College: Education, Library</b>				
New Course	ISM6538: Supply Chain Analytics	Business	3	A
New Course	MAN6675: International Shipping, Trade and Port Management	Business	3	A
New Program	MS with Major in Supply Chain Management	Business	N/A	AC (changes made)
<b>Reviewers by College: Arts &amp; Letters, CDSI</b>				
Program Change	Combined M.Ed./Ed.S. Degree in Counselor Education	Education	N/A	A
Program Change	Masters of Education (M.Ed.) Program	Education	N/A	A
Program Change	Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) No Certification	Education	N/A	A
Program Change	Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) With Certification	Education	N/A	A
Program Change	Specialist of Educational Leadership: Adult Community Education	Education	N/A	A
<b>Reviewers by College: Arts &amp; Letters, Education</b>				
New Combined Program Request	BA, BS in Biological and Physical Sciences/MS in Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	N/A	A
New Course	COP5675: Mobile App Development	Engineering	3	AC (changes made)
New Course	COT6819:Advanced Internet Systems	Engineering	3	A
New Course	SUR6502: Foundations of UAS Mapping	Engineering	3	AC (changes made)
Program Change	Big Data Analytics Certificate	Engineering	N/A	A

Program Change	MS in Information Technology and Management	Engineering	N/A	A
<b>Reviewers by College: Medicine, Business, Engineering</b>				
New Combined Degree Program	BA or BS, Concentration in Math with MS in Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMST)	Science	N/A	AC (changes made)
New Combined Degree Program	BA or BS, Concentration in Math with MS in Math	Science	N/A	AC (changes made)
New Combined Degree Program	BS in Mathematics with MS in Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMST)	Science	N/A	AC (changes made)
New Course	CHM6277: Adv. Drug Development	Science	3	AC (changes made)
New Course	CHM6279: Adv. Drug Formulation	Science	3	AC (changes made)
New Course	EVS6949: Environmental Science Internship	Science	0-3	AC (changes made)
New Course	MTG6329: Applied Computational Topology	Science	3	AC (changes made)
New Course	OCB6066: Biological Oceanography	Science	3	A
New Course	OCE6050: Chemical Oceanography	Science	3	AC (changes made)
New Course	OCE6922: Marine Science and Oceanograph Colloquium	Science	1	A
New Course	PSB6920: Neuroscience Seminar	Science	0-1	A
New Course	STA6116 Technology in Statistics and Probability	Science	3	AC (changes made)
Program Change	Exercise Science & Health Promotion Master's Program	Science	N/A	A
Program Change	MS in Marine Science and Oceanography	Science	N/A	A
Program Change	MS with Major in Applied Mathematics and Statistics	Science	N/A	A
Program Change	MS with Major in Data Science and Analytics, Data Science via Scientific Inquiry Concentration	Science	N/A	AC (changes made)

- A. New Course Proposal PSB6920 Neuroscience Seminar added after being sent back from Steering. Approved to move forward.
  - B. All curricula items approved to move forward to Steering.
- V. Additional Discussion Items**
- A. David Menachof, College of Business, discussed new MS in Supply Chain Management Program as it relates to our current situation.
- VI. Action vs. Consent Items**
- A. Action Items
    - 1. MS in Supply Chain
    - 2. Combined programs from Business & Engineering
    - 3. All approved by UGC to move forward to Steering.
  - B. Consent Items
    - 1. All remaining items to go on Consent agenda and approved by UGC to move forward to Steering.
  - C. Chris Beetle: Why are these items going on Action agenda? I thought we were trying to streamling.
    - 1. Paul: New programs and Combined programs should be discussed in more detail.
- VII. Graduate Dean's Report – Dr. Stackman**
- A. Discussed memo from the Provost to go to “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory” at the Graduate Level. This is in line with what Undergraduate is doing. Asked for feedback.
    - 1. Art Sementelli: More “make work”; not really going to be acceptable to most. Grading at the Graduate level is different that at the Undergraduate level. We will submit grades as we always have.
    - 2. Eric Berlatsky: Programs can opt-out. A&L will probably “play ball” though there are concerns with thresholds as to what constitutes a passing grade.
    - 3. Clifford Brown: We want to reduce red tape.
    - 4. Mihaela Cardei: Were thresholds set by FAU or SUS? Can individual colleges change, if necessary, independently?
      - a. Most colleges seem to already have procedures in place regarding this.
      - b. Chris Beetle: There was an emergency Steering meeting regarding this. Trying to keep this very straight-forward so students know all the options/factors involved. Students would be required to sign a document acknowledging that they understand all the ramifications.

**VIII.** GPSA Update – Darren Pikul

- A. Had a discussion with Dr. Stackman regarding possible issues for Graduate students with getting refunds for conferences, Pass/Fail and Research Day being fully online.
1. This is Darren’s last UGC meeting as he will be graduating in May, 2020.
  2. Paul thanked Darren for his service and encouraged his successor to stay involved at this level.

**IX.** Discussion Items

- A. Paul: Concerning Graduate Programs, Dissertation titles and student’s names were not printed as submitted by the College of Education.
1. Art: This is an on-going issue.
  2. Eric: Possibly more Doctorates than in the past and some that don’t have dissertations. Maybe, for consistency, it was decided not to print any.
  3. Anita Pennathur: It should be there!
  4. Paul: I feel it should be included and consistent.
  5. Chris: Has not opinion, either way, but can we get in in there and, if not, why not?
  6. Bob Stackman: GC could work with GPSA to poll students to get an idea of their interest.
  7. Marianne Porter: May differ from program to program.
  8. Chris: Made a motion that UGC recommend that this information be printed going forward and, again, if not, why not?
    - a. The motion was seconded and approved by UGC.
- B. Eric Berlatsky: Discussed a new online program (revenue generating) in Arts & Letters. Essentially the same program but in an online version. In others words, an “Executive” or “Professional” program..
1. Chris: “Self-sustaining” are the words to use. The only difference is the delivery method. Suggested he talk to Mihaela Cardei or Russ Ivy.
    - a. Mihaela: You could also speak to Dr. Julie Golden-Botti as well.
- C. Marianne: Any idea what is happen in Summer term and how will this possibly affect Summer TA’s?
1. Bob: If colleges have E&G money, GC will support with waivers.
- D. Marianne: For students graduating in May, 2020, is the Graduate College or Executive leadership considering any “bridge programs” to offer assistance?
1. Chris: There could possibly be a hiring freeze on the horizon. Students may not return until Fall, 2020. There is a lot of uncertainty as to what the University’s budge will look like, going forward.
    - a. To Graduate College – can potential Post-Docs be kept on, going forward?
    - b. Bob: Great questions! These are unique times in which we find ourselves. The Graduate College will try to be flexible, if the situation warrants.

- c. Art: Don't get enamored with trying to "drag out" the timeline to degree completion as it could affect recruiting new students into programs.
- d. Eric: At least for first half of Summer we are operating under an already existing budget.
- e. Chris: That budget, however, is based on revenue streams that may change which, in turn, could lead to significant budget changes.
- f. When possible the well-being of our students needs to be our top priority!

**X.** 3MT Competition – Dean Stackman

A. 3MT is moving forward in a virtual format. Liana Smith is spear-heading this effort.

- 1. Liana: We will send out an email link for faculty to review videos and vote.
  - a. The plan is to still have heats, by discipline, and a Championship round with, hopefully, representation from all the colleges.

**XI.** Meeting adjourned by UGC Chair, Paul Peluso at 3:25 pm

*The next University Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for Fall, 2020*