

**Florida Atlantic University  
University Graduate Council  
Minutes  
January 26, 2011**

**Present:** Deborah Floyd, Education; Ronald Nyhan, CDSI; Susan Folden, Nursing; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Charles Roberts, Science; Ben Lowe, Arts & Letters; Valerie Bryan, Education; Elwood Hamlin II, CDSI; Xupei Huang, Biomedical Science; Allen Smith, Business; Shirley Gordon, Nursing; Nancy Poulson, Arts & Letters

**Absent:** George Morales, GSA; Massimo Caputi, Biomedical Science; Kim Dunn, Business; Michael Cocuzza, GSA; William Rhodes, Engineering

**Others Present:** Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Barbara Bebergal, Graduate College;

**The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Nyhan.**

**I. Approval of Agenda from January 26, 2011 meeting.**

The agenda was unanimously approved by the council.

**II. Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2010 meeting.**

The minutes were unanimously approved by the council.

**III. New Business**

**a. Due Process Policy for Academic Dismissal from a Graduate Program.**

**Items in Policy:**

**Assistantships**

**Dissertation and Thesis**

**Dissenting Votes on Defense**

**Change of Committee Members**

**Defense Deadline Dates Registered with Graduate College/When and Where**

Nyhan asked that the council members review the document with their colleges so that it can go forward to the Steering Committee. This must be done by the next UGC meeting on February 16 at 1 pm.

#### **IV. Old Business – Results of Request to UFS for Changes to UGC Charter.**

Nyhan discussed his presentation to the Senate the week before. He said that the changes have been met with positive results by the Senate. It may take effect next year.

Rosson complimented Nyhan on his Power Point presentation to the Senate. He also said it was important to have a clear definition of the UGC and the Senate.

#### **V. Other Business**

Nyhan discussed the new Strategic Planning Council for the university. Three graduate faculty members from the UGC will be on the council. Bryan, Rosson and Nyhan are the members chosen.

#### **VI. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**