

Members present: Thomas Stollar, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; John Renne, CDSI; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Dan Meeroff, EG; Miguel Ángel Vázquez, HC; Katherine Chadwell, NU; Thomas O’Brien, Library; Jerry Haky, SC; Edward Pratt, Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Brian Hodge, Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar’s Office.

Guests: Fred Bloetscher, Engineering; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council; Lauren Mavica, Psychology; Tricia Meredith, FAU High School; Evonne Rezler, Science; Debra Szabo, Provost’s Office.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. in SU206.

I. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, MINUTES APPROVAL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As this was the first meeting of the UUPC for the 2019-2020 academic year, a chairman needed to be officially elected. Current Chair, Jerry Haky, expressed his desire to continue serving as UUPC Chair as he has for the past 13 years. The other UUPC members unanimously elected Dr. Haky to be UUPC Chair for another year and thanked him for his continued service.

Chair Haky then asked for review/approval of the Committee’s minutes from its last meeting, April 29, 2019. **The UUPC approved the minutes as written.**

Chair Haky announced that he would move business from colleges with guests in attendance earlier in the agenda to accommodate the guests. He also reiterated the need for representatives with items approved at the April UUPC meeting to attend the University Faculty Senate (UFS) meeting later that day. For items approved today, representatives should attend the Steering Committee meeting later in the month followed by the October UFS meeting. Any questions from UFS and Steering Committee members should be addressed by the relevant college representative(s); if no representative is in attendance, the items to be approved may be tabled.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. College of Engineering

A course that was tabled at the April 29, 2019, UUPC meeting because it was missing University Honors Council (UHC) approval was now on today’s agenda with the necessary UHC approval. **After discussion, the UUPC approved the new course.**

EGN 4933 Form Syllabus Honors approval	Engineering Honors Seminar	0	New	
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III. NEW BUSINESS

1. College of Engineering and Computer Science

A Directed Independent Research (DIR) course was introduced by EG Rep Dan Meeroff, EGN 4916. He indicated this will be the only DIR course for the College and as such, will be used by all departments. **The course was approved by the UUPC.**

Discussion ensued concerning the changes to the College’s honors program. EG Rep Meeroff stated that the changes to the program did not incur any additional credit hours; now the program, with UHC approval, is more efficient and carries a new title of Engineering Honors Program. Registrar Brian Hodge asked whether the entrance GPA of 3.25 is based on the last 60 credits taken at FAU or the last 60 credits at FAU and previous institutions. He stressed that proposals need to state how the GPA is to be calculated so that students are clear on what is expected. Rep Meeroff explained that the GPA is to be calculated based on the last 60 credits taken at FAU and any previous institution. He offered to amend

the proposal to add this clarification. The amendment was accepted and **the UUPC approved the program changes.**

The last item was removal of the prerequisites for SUR 4384. **The UUPC approved this change.**

EGN 4916	Directed Independent Research in Engineering and Computer Science	0-3	New	
Program Change Form Catalog Changes- Tracked Catalog Changes- Clean Copy Honors approval	Innovation Leadership Honors Program (New title: Engineering Honors Program)	-	Change	
SUR 4384 Syllabus	Thermal Infrared Remote Sensing and Applications	3	Remove prereqs.	

2. College of Education

ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji and Guest Tricia Meredith discussed the first three courses, all related to lower-level multidisciplinary research. There will be four courses in total in this sequence, two of which were already approved at a previous UUPC meeting (EDF 2911 and EDF 3912). To make the courses sequential, the current EDF 2911 course will change to 2910, a new course will take on the EDF 2911 course number, and the final new course, EDF 3913, will round out the group. **The UUPC approved the realignment and the new courses.**

A course change to add the Academic Service Learning (ASL) component to SCE 4360 was discussed. ED Rep Bhagwanji stated that the Community Engagement Group at FAU approved the addition. **The UUPC also approved the addition.**

EDF 2910 (current 2911) Syllabus	Multidisciplinary Introduction to Research	1-3	Change course number	
EDF 2911 Syllabus	Multidisciplinary Research Methods 1	1	New	
EDF 3913 Syllabus RI approval	RI: Multidisciplinary Research Methods 3	1	New	
SCE 4360 Syllabus ASL approval	Science: Middle and Secondary School	3	Add Academic Service Learning (ASL) component	

3. College of Science

Guest Lauren Mavica, Psychology, presented revisions to the Honors Program in Psychology, which involve changes to the number of credits to be admitted, the addition of a new course that will be required of students in this program, and the replacement of Directed Independent Study courses with Directed Independent Research courses. The UHC approved these changes prior to the meeting.

After a lengthy discussion that centered on how a student’s capstone or thesis project is approved and what is acceptable as a capstone project, the UUPC recommended an amendment to the Honors thesis language. Dr. Mavica agreed to amend the language as requested and said she would share the updates with her department. UUPC approved the revisions to the Honors Program in Psychology with the amendment.

Next, Guest Evonne Rezler presented prerequisite changes for an Exercise Science course. The syllabus for this course was missing the number of credits, but this omission was corrected shortly following the meeting. **The UUPC approved the course change.**

Dr. Rezler then discussed the change to the B.S. in Chemistry program. It involved adding a new course to the table of electives for this program. **The UUPC approved the addition.**

Program Change Form Catalog Changes Rationale Honors approval	Honors Program in Psychology	-	Change	
PSY 4923 Syllabus Honors approval	Honors Critical Questions in Psychology	3	New	
PET 4340C Syllabus	Biomechanics	4	Change prereqs.	
Program Change Form Catalog Changes	B.S. in Chemistry	-	Add elective course to program requirements	

4. Honors College

HC Rep Miguel Vázquez introduced a course that will have the research intensive component (RI) added to it. The UHC has already approved this addition. **The UUPC also approved the RI addition.**

SPW 3134 Syllabus RI approval	Honors Latin America Literature: Modernism to Post-Boom (add RI to title)	3	Add Research Intensive (RI) component	
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5. Other Reports: As the meeting came to a close, Dr. Gosser presented a brief UHC report. She shared that 10 students completed Honors in the Major during this past summer. Arts and Letters, Business, Design and Social Inquiry, Library and Nursing had no reports.

IV. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

1. The next UUPC meeting will be on Monday, October 7, 2019, 10 a.m. to noon in SU 132.
2. Steering Meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/steering-committee.php>
3. University Faculty Senate meeting dates: <http://www.fau.edu/ufsgov/calendar.php>
4. Chair Haky declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.