

**University Graduate Council  
& Curriculum Committee  
GL 835 – 10:15 -11:15 a.m.  
January 17, 2014 - Bulletin 3 Hearings**

**Graduate Council members present:** Fred Blevens (SJMC), Chair, Adis Beesting (Library), Karlene Cousins (BU), Jinlin Zhoa (HM), Winifred (Elysse) Newman (CARTA), Laura DeCarli (AS), Matthew Mirow, (Law), Elizabeth Cramer (ED), Lidia Kos, (Graduate School)

**Curriculum Committee members present:** Shahid Hamid (BU), Chair, Ava Iuliano (Library), Michele Odai (CNHS) Sarah Sherman (CARTA), Timothy Page (CPHSW), Joyce Peterson (AS), Eric Carpenter (Law), Carlos Suris (JM), Nikolaos Tsoukias (EG), Paulo Chaves (COM), Noah Weisbord (LAW)

**Guest:** Susan Himburg, Director of Academic Planning and Accountability

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

**New Graduate Degree Program: Ph.D. in Mathematical Science presented by Hamid Meziani**

- Program is required to respond to the need for skilled STEM professionals.
- Program aligned with FIU & SUS priorities and we are the only large SUS institution without a Math PhD.
- Applied aspect of the program will provide good background for employment.
- Minorities are underrepresented in the discipline and our community would benefit from having the opportunity will allow students to enroll in this program.
- Core Courses at 5000 level are a concern. It is not uncommon in the discipline that core courses are at the 5000 level.
- Department is willing to re-level some of the core courses to 6000 level courses.

- Most students enrolled in the 5000 level courses are graduate students.
- Students currently enrolled in the Masters program will not be adversely affected by the addition of this program.
- This program will grow the discipline at all levels and add to the academic community at FIU.
- Degree is more geared to applied mathematics, but can accommodate theoretical mathematics. The name Mathematical Science allows for both.

**The motion to approve the New Graduate Degree Program: Ph.D. in Mathematical Science provided that three core course are converted to 6000 level was moved. The motion was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council and the University Curriculum Committee pending the submission of the following revisions:**

- Submit proposal with corrected core course #'s re-leveled to 6000 level.
- Editorial corrections

Having no further business the Curriculum Committee adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

**Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards: Combined BS/MS in Criminal Justice presented by Lisa Stolzenberg**

- GRE was originally instituted into the program to manage very large enrollments.
- Even the most prestigious CCJ program in the country does not require the GRE.
- The proposed Graduate Admission Rubric will allow department to select the best students for admission.
- GRE will be used to evaluate assistantships.

**The motion to approve a combined motion was moved and unanimously approved.**

**The motion to approve Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards for the Combined BS/MS in Criminal Justice & Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards for the MS in Criminal Justice was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adis Beesting, Secretary, Graduate Council