

University Graduate Council
Curriculum Committee & Undergraduate Council
GL 835/HL 210 – 10:00 a.m. -11:20 p.m.
March 28, 2014 - Bulletin 5 Hearings

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

Curriculum Committee members present: Shahid Hamid (BU), Chair, Ava Iuliano (Library), Michele Odai (CNHS) Ebru Özer (CARTA), Quentin Felty (CPHSW), Joyce Peterson (AS), Carlos Suris (JM), Nikolaos Tsoukias (EG), Paulo Chaves (COM), Noah Weisbord (LAW)

Undergraduate Committee members present: Karen Fuller, co-chair, (+3 members) (There was no quorum for Undergraduate Committee. As a result, they will have to conduct voting via email and report to Shahid and Fred.)

Guest: Susan Himburg, Director of Academic Planning and Accountability

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

New Undergraduate Major: Logistics and Supply Chain Management presented by Nancy Rauseo

- Proposal: This proposal for a new undergraduate major is due to student demand. All the courses needed for the new major are already in existence. The demand for college graduates with a supply chain specialization is particularly clear in Florida and especially in the Port of Miami. Additionally, the Engineering department has expressed support for the new major. As all the needed courses already exist, there is no cost associated with creating this major.
- Discussion: Most students enrolling will be the same students in the track. This major makes the most sense in the Marketing department since Marketing is connected to supply chain demand.

The motion to approve the **New Undergraduate Major: Logistics and Supply Chain Management** was moved. The motion was unanimously approved by the

University Curriculum Committee. Undergraduate Council will need to vote at a later time. The Undergraduate Committee will vote via email and the co-chairs will send Shahid the email with approving vote.

New Graduate Degree Program: Online Master of Science in Environmental Engineering presented by Hector Fuentes

- Proposal: The South Florida water management program has been very successful at recruiting students. In the face-to-face classes, the enrollments have been growing significantly. As a result, some of the courses were switched over to online, resulting in higher enrollment in programs with online courses. Although both UF and UCF have similar programs, FIU can take advantage of South Florida appeal in degree, which is unique and not in competition with other programs at FIU.
- Discussion: Concerns were raised over the pricing. The face-to-face program will remain at the regular tuition price but the online program will have market pricing. Considering that the face-to-face program is limited, the only way to meet the demand is through an online program. Concerns were also raised over pedagogy, which led to a larger discussion of pedagogy in online courses. Additionally, a conversation about online mirror programs and their effect on enrollment in the corresponding face-to-face programs as well as what makes a successful migration to the online environment ensued. FIU Online has been key to the development of the online program in this particular case, including in regards to assessment pieces.

The motion to approve the **New Graduate Degree Program: Online Master of Science** was moved. The motion was unanimously approved by the Graduate Council. The Curriculum Committee approved the vote with one abstention.

There was a short discussion before the Curriculum Committee adjourned about the possibility of discussing and re-evaluating the 3 committee structure. This may be new business for the committees to discuss next year. In particular, should there be three separate committees or should all three be incorporated into a larger, single committee?

Having no further business the Curriculum Committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Establish Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards: PhD in Curriculum and Instruction presented by Linda Spears-Bunton

- Proposal: This proposal is for a change to consider applicants to the PhD program. Currently, applicants must have 3.0 GPA in their previous graduate work, with no mention consideration for post-baccalaureate or post-graduate work. For candidates with lower GPA but with post-graduate coursework with higher GPA there is no official way to deal with this. Historically speaking, the current requirements were intended to attract young scholars. For international applicants with strong TOEFEL/GRE scores but with a lower GPA, the department must petition on behalf of the applicant. By allowing for the consideration of post-baccalaureate and/or post-graduate work, the department can streamline the admission process.
- Discussion: No discussion.

The motion to approve **Unit-Specific Graduate Admission Standards: PhD in Curriculum and Instruction** was moved and unanimously approved by the Graduate Council.

Discussion: The Chair asked the Graduate Council if it would be possible to consider electing leadership for next year, as Dr. Blevens will not be continuing. The Chair nominated Winifred (Elyse) Newman, as the Chair for next year's Graduate Committee. The Committee voted unanimously in support of Elyse as the Chair. Adis Beesting was nominated as the Secretary for the next year. The Graduate Committee voted in favor of re-electing Adis as the Secretary with one abstention. Karlene Cousins was nominated as the Vice-Chair for the Graduate Committee and the committee voted unanimously in favor of her candidacy.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ava Iuliano, Library, Curriculum Committee