

**University Curriculum Committee
Florida International University
Annual Report for 2012-2013
Shahid Hamid, Chair
May 29, 2013**

Shahid Hamid (Business) served as chair and Twila Mae Logan (Hospitality) as vice-chair. Other members included Joel Galand (Architecture & The Arts), Vrushali Patil (Arts & Sciences), Joyce Peterson (Alternate, Arts & Sciences), M.O. Thirunarayanan (Education), Charmaine DeFrancesco (Alternate, Education), Nagarajan Prabakar (Engineering), Carlos Suris (Journalism), Noah Weisbrod (Law); Ava Iuliano (Library), Quentin Felty (Public Health), Michelle Odai (CNHS), Paulo Chaves (Medicine).

At the first organizational meeting on September 12, 2012, chair Shahid Hamid and vice-chair Twila Mae Logan were elected. The committee agreed to continue to schedule hearings on Friday mornings.

During 2012-2013 six curriculum bulletins were published and made available at the faculty senate website. These bulletins contained a total of 643 undergraduate and graduate level proposals for the following: degrees, majors, tracks, minors, certificates, and courses; changes in existing degrees, majors, tracks, minors, certificate, and courses; changes in unit admission standards; and global learning designation for selected courses. Table 1 presents the distributions of proposals across the bulletins and across classifications.

Table 1: Distributions of Proposals

	Hearing: New and Change Program	No Hearing: New and Change Prog	New Course	Change in Course	Global Learning	Total Proposals
Bulletin 1	7	28	61	55	4	155
Bulletin 2	13	23	44	51	7	138
Bulletin 3	6	15	37	20	8	86
Bulletin 4	2	13	32	12	2	61
Bulletin 5	8	34	33	53	11	139
Bulletin 6	0	13	16	31	4	64
Total	36	126	223	222	36	643

The 643 proposals consisted of 36 proposals for new programs or changes in programs that required hearing, 126 proposals for new programs or changes in programs that did not require hearing, 223 proposals for new courses, 222 proposals for course change or deletion, and 36 proposals for global learning designation of courses. Of the 643 proposals the university curriculum committee reviewed and processed 595 proposals. The UCC collaborated with the graduate council and the undergraduate council in evaluating and processing 156 proposals for new or changes to degrees, majors, tracks, and certificates. As part of the evaluation process the

committee chair worked with the graduate council chair Fred Blevens and undergraduate council chairs Cynthia Dottin and Tania Rivera as well as the applicants to help resolve deficiencies in the proposals. The chair also worked with Susan Himburg at the provost office who provides the final checks on the proposals.

On behalf of the UCC and GC and UC, the curriculum committee chair presented 46 curriculum motions during seven faculty senate meetings. Almost all the motions were approved by the senate. A few were tabled because no one showed up from the unit to defend the proposal.

The curriculum committee was given the mandate to review the report produced by the University Core Curriculum Oversight Committee and produce its own recommendation to satisfy the requirements of HB 7135 passed by the Florida legislature last year. It held a meeting in February to discuss the university core curriculum. The committee endorsed the report of the UCCOC after some revisions and submitted its recommendations to the faculty senate. On behalf of the committee the chair presented the report to the senate steering committee.

In April the university curriculum committee met jointly with the graduate council at a newly arranged meeting to deal with two issues. First, at the urgent request of the provost it held special hearing on proposals to create six new Masters of Nursing degrees out of the existing tracks. Second, it discussed the development of criteria for evaluating proposals for online graduate programs, in particular the online Ph.D. programs. Both the UCC and UGC passed motion on the subject.

The issue of online doctoral program was discussed considerably during the meetings for hearing and through e-mail since November. The curriculum committee chair presented the concerns of the UCC and GC to the faculty senate steering committee. Following the lead of the GC the discussions have continued through e-mails. Subsequently, the faculty senate passed a motion allowing the UCC and UGC until October 2013 to develop the criteria.

I will like to thank the curriculum committee members for their service. The UCC worked seamlessly with the GC and UC to evaluate the proposals, help remove deficiencies, and hold hearings. For that I will like to thank the graduate council chair Fred Blevens and the undergraduate council chairs Cynthia Dottin and Tania Rivera. I am grateful to Damaris Valdes, Natalie Aviles, and Juneisy Hawkins for their efficiency in the timely production of the bulletins and in coordinating the hearings and motions. I also thank Susan Himburg and Delano Gray for their assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Hamid".

Shahid Hamid
Chair, University Curriculum Committee