

**University Graduate Council**  
**November 6, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, Education; Clifford Brown, A&L; Adam Bradford, GPC Chair, A&L; Anita Pennathur, Business; Ali Danesh, Education; David Newman, Nursing; Arthur Sementelli, CDSI; Manny Gonzalez, CDSI; Dawn Froot, Library; Christopher Beetle, Science; Darren Pikul, GPSA.

**Others Present:** Brian Farrell, Graduate College; Brian Hodge, Registrar; Waseem Asghar, Engineering.

**Absent:** Mahyar Shirazi, Medicine; Sabrina Sembiente, Education; Ramesh Teegavarapu, Engineering; Mihaela Cardei, Engineering; Marianne Porter, Science; Robert Stackman, Graduate College.

- I.** Meeting called to order by UGC Chair, Paul Peluso, at 2:03 pm.
- II.** The minutes from the last UGC meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved.
- III.** The below items/curriculum proposals were reviewed:

**New Curriculum Proposals for November 06, 2019**

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
<b>Reviewers by College: Library, Science</b>				
Course Change	MAN7779: Advanced Management Theory	Business	3	A
New Course	ACG6675: Internal Auditing and Theory and Practice	Business	3	A
New Course	ACG6678: Internal Auditing Cases and Projects	Business	3	A
New Course	MAN7846: The Entrepreneurship Field	Business	3	AC (Changes made)
<b>Reviewers by College: Arts &amp; Letters, CDSI</b>				
Course Change	URP6711: Introduction to Transportation Planning	CDSI	3	A
New Course	URP6237: Regional and Scenario Planning	CDSI	3	A
New Course	URP6716: Land Use and Transportation Planning	CDSI	3	A
Program Change	School of Social Work	CDSI	N/A	A
<b>Reviewers by College: Arts &amp; Letters, Education</b>				

Course Change	CGN5715: Advanced Energy Engineering/Energy Engineering	Engineering	3	A
Course Change	TTE5501: Transportation System Analysis	Engineering	3	A
New Course	CES5527: Nonlinear Behavior of Structures	Engineering	3	A
New Course	CES5528: Advanced Building Design	Engineering	3	AC (Changes made)
Program Change	BS to PhD Program	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	PhD in Computer Science, PhD in Computer Engineering and PhD in Electrical Engineering	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	PhD in Ocean Engineering, PhD in Mechanical Engineering	Engineering	N/A	A

IV. All agenda items recommended by the GPC were unanimously approved by UGC to move forward to the Steering meeting on November 21, 2019.

V. Discussion of Catalog Changes/Updates

- a. Brian Hodge, Registrar, shared that generally changes to the Catalog are to wording NOT program requirements.
  - i. A situation came up recently where a program was making changes to the order and/or positioning of courses within a program ie: Core course vs. electives.
- b. Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, questioned whether the process could be streamlined somewhat on order to not “bog down” the Senate.
  - i. Can certain “changes” be handled within the individual colleges without the need to go through the GPC/UGC process?
  - ii. Adam Bradford, A&L, feels that it would be better to err on the side of being overly cautious.
  - iii. It was brought to the Committee’s attention that the *Procedure for Approving Graduate Program Catalog Changes*, posted on the UGC page of the Graduate College Webpage, does address this.
  - iv. Chris Beetle, Science, feels the best way to not “bog down” the workings of the Senate is to get more items on the Consent Agenda as opposed to the Action Agenda. The default should be the Consent Agenda, not the Action Agenda. Let Steering or the Senate pull items they believe require more and deeper discussion.
- c. The following motion was made: Items approved by the UGC shall be placed on a Consent Agenda for consideration by the UFS, unless the UGC votes to move one or more items to an Action Agenda. Each item moved to an Action Agenda shall be accompanied by a brief summary of the UGC’s reasons for believing deliberation by the full UFS is warranted.

- i. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the UGC to go on the UFS agenda as an action item.

**VI.** Discussion of Research Space Assignment Policy

- a. Paul Peluso shared this policy with the UGC and recommended that UGC send this to college committees for discussion and feedback from same. This will be revisited and discussed at the next UGC meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. This will be a “check-in” meeting to determine whether more time is needed for review.

**VII.** Tuition Waiver Allocation Committee update

- a. The goal of this committee is to set forth a policy that makes it transparent as to how tuition waiver funds are allocated and to find money to help fund Graduate Student Health Insurance.

**VIII.** Meeting adjourned by UGC Chair, Paul Peluso at 3:19 pm

*The next University Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2019*