

**Florida Atlantic University
University Graduate Council (UGC)
Minutes
September 19, 2012**

Present: Deborah L. Floyd, Education; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Charles Roberts, Science; Elwood Hamlin II, CDSI; Nancy Poulson, Arts & Letters; William Rhodes, Engineering;; LaTasha Lee; GSA; Mahyar Nourishirazi, Medicine; Gail Burnaford, Education; Noemi Coltea, GSA

Others Present: Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Barbara Bebergal, Division of Research; Susan Fulks, Graduate College; Christopher Beetle, Science; Miguel Rengifo, Division of Research; Debra Szabo, Graduate College; Janelle Petak, Graduate College; Paige Garrido, Division of Research

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. Deborah Floyd.

I. Call to Order and Sign In.
Chair Deborah L. Floyd, Council Members and Guests

II. Approval of UGC Minutes from August, 2012.

Action: The minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

III. Electronic Plans of Study.

Paige Garrido presented My POS to the Council. She stated that one college at a time would begin using the electronic version. Each college will have two training sessions. A cheat sheet will also be available. It was made clear that the POS is only for the student's program and the student must still apply for graduation. Colleges will be notified when they will begin training and until then use the paper version. Paper is still being used for revisions.

Action: Council members expressed support for the electronic POS and requested that Council members be consulted regarding trainings during faculty meetings and/or graduate programs committees. The college faculty should determine who has authorization at each level, including program administrator and evaluator. The processes for approvals currently in place for programs will be honored through the implementation of the new electronic POS system.

IV. Graduate Tuition Benefits Proposed Policy Change

Council members discussed the latest revision of the Graduate Tuition Benefits Policy Change (see prior minutes regarding seeking input from Colleges). The College of

Science presented issues and concerns from their faculty. The College of Education and others previously shared their input with the Graduate Dean with some discussion of faculty input at this meeting. Recommendations regarding changes were given to the Graduate Dean in areas such as fulltime/part time status, the 10% rule and grandfathering in students currently matriculating. The Graduate Student Association representatives also presented written feedback and expressed concerns such as their inability to pay students more than 10-15 hours. It was suggested that Leadership scholarships for the GSA might help. A concern was expressed that that this policy change would impact the doctoral research program. Additionally, concerns were expressed about budgetary implications for colleges that have limited funds for graduate assistantships.

Action: A working group from the Council was appointed. LaTash Lee and Ali Zilouchian are on the group and others are invited to join the Graduate Dean to provide input as this document is revised. Tuition and Grants of Research be addressed as a part of the Benefits Tuition Waiver review. The Council requested additional data from the Graduate Dean on the benefits of the policy, including fiscal and GA impacts.

V. Report and Recommendations from the UGPC.

The University Graduate Programs Committee reported about curriculum and programs and presented recommendations for action.

Action: Council approved the Deadline Change for English MA/MAT and Proposal to Change Admission Requirements for all Applicants to MFA in Visual Arts.

Action Consent Agenda: Council approved ART 6819 Studio Arts Pedagogy in Higher Education

VI. Strategic Planning and Measurement Metrics

This item will be discussed at the October meeting. Additional issues from IV, V, VII, I, II and III will be revisited.

VII. Other: Undergraduate Courses for Graduate Credit

Dean Rosson distributed SACS and Catalog documents regarding graduate and undergraduate credit. The Council discussed the documents and issues with an consensus agreement that this item will be placed on a future agenda after review by the UGPC.

Action: The University Graduate Council deferred this topic to the University Graduate Programs Committee for their review. The topic will be included on a future Council

agenda after review by the UGPC. Members agreed to seek input from faculty colleagues in respective colleges regarding this topic.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Agenda items for the next meeting include:

- UGPC Curriculum Report and Recommendations (Undergraduate Courses for Graduate Credit, if brought forward by the UGPC)
- Strategic Planning and Measurement Metrics- Graduate Dean Presentation and Council discussion
- Graduate Tuition Benefits Policy Document

The next meeting of the **University Graduate Council will be Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 2 PM.** Agenda items (other than those above) should be submitted to Deborah Floyd no later than Wednesday, October 10, 2012.