

Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Meeting Minutes

WebEx Meeting 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Attendees

Members present: E. Bennett, J. Park, M. DeDonno, T. Hindle, D. Mitsova, E. Williams, F. Bloetscher, C. Krause-Parello, D. Chamely-Wiik

Others present: P. Sampedro-OURI

I. Approve January 20, 2022 - Meeting Minutes

Motion approved by F. Bloetscher and T. Hindle

II. Research Certificate Updates

There were committee members discussions about the following topics regarding the UG Research Certificate

a. Eligibility for degree seeking vs non degree seeking students

DCW – we have gone back and forth with the registrar’s office to gather information about U. certificate policies and practices, re non-degree seeking students.

Provided two examples of students requesting the UG research certificate and requested committee feedback

- i. An undergraduate student who did not get the UGR certificate, which is now requesting to register as non-degree seeking student, to complete a couple of credits to get the certificate
- ii. FAUHS students, who engage in research, they get our grants, participate on the symposium, got published on the UGR Journal. The majority of them take college level courses but ended up transferring to another institution to get their UG degree. This is the difference between degree-seeking and non-degree seeking as it applies to FAUHS students

DCW – If the Committee decides to allow non-degree seeking students access to get the certificate, the process is not systematized with the office of the registrar. They would have to be added manually.

E.Williams motioned to support only degree-seeking students

Motion to approved: E. Williams and F. Bloetscher

b. 2nd. Degree students seeking the certificate

- i. Double dipping on previous credits and new credits, are we going to allow?

DCW – they are degree seeking undergraduates. A question from the registrar’s, how many credits will they be getting vs what they already have?

We only allowed 3 transfer credits from other institutions. The following are FAU policies for certificates:

“Students may not re-enroll (as either degree seeking or non-degree seeking) to request a certificate in which previously earned credits constituted the completion of the certificate.”

Recency of Credit

“Students not concurrently enrolled in a degree program must complete all coursework toward the certificate no later than five years from initial enrollment in coursework that is applicable to the certificate.”

DCW- Do you want to go with the 5 years rule?

E.W. Credits only within 5 years or do we want to put a cap on the number of credits?

Committee members agreed to stay with the 5-year limit for now with no cap as to the number of credits.

- ii. Students who got 1st bachelors in one college and decide to go for a second bachelors in another college. Which college will award the certificate?

DCW. Do we want to take this issue now, or should we wait to see how often this becomes an issue. Let us leave it with the standard language and if it becomes a problem, we bring it back to the committee.

Committee members agreed

- c. Bs/MS update

Tabled it and let UUPC handle it and if they approved will get back to this committee and figure it out the implications for the certificate.

Members agreed

- d. Update on SYG 2010 and STA 2023 for inclusion in Skill Building aligned with the Research Cluster

DCW - Tony has not objection to include SYG 2010 on skill building

NUR students take SYG1001 and SYG2020. With this committee approval we can send SGY2010 and STA2023 to UUPC to be included.

Motion approved. F. Bloetscher and E. Williams

III. Request for inclusion of the Senior Engineering Design Showcase as an approved symposium for the Certificate.

Opens more greater opportunities for ENG students. This is a judged symposium comparable with the OURI Symposium.

Motion to approved F. Bloetscher and E. Williams

IV. UG Research Certificate petitions for waiver/substitution:

- a. BUS – Kenneth Soltis (Transfer student) - Add 3 credits to Resch. Bldg. Section MAN4504 – Approved by D. Mitsova and F. Bloetscher
 - b. FAUHS/SCI - Numana Luqman - Symposium and DIS course EML4905 – Not approved, she is not degree seeking
 - c. HON-SCI – Vivek Sreejithkumar – Symposium – Approved by D. Mitsova
 - d. SCI- Michael Amin – Symposium- Approved.
 - e. SCI – Casey Leary – Symposium and CHM4905- Approved.
- Motion to approved by T. Hindle, D. Mitsova, JY. Park and F. Bloetscher

- V. **OURI approval to approve the waiver/petition of the symposium for students who have presented at earlier OURI Symposia prior to the IDS course being offered, without bringing it to URCC.**

Committee approved this petition and for not bringing this type of request to URCC but to be approve by OURI directly

Motion to approved by D. Mitsova and JYP

- VI. **Follow up from previous meeting re outlining the current challenges discussion**

- a. Honors Compacts and how we handle these? - ACG Compacts do not qualify as substitutes for RI Designation, because do not include RI language and the 6 SLO's.
More aligned with DIR but they are not using the numbering system
Honors in the major allows student to get honors in all their courses with faculty approval.
Hold on making formal decision until honor's committee decided what to do
Motion to approved: D. Mitsova and F. Bloetscher
- b. DIS courses vs DIR courses
4905 DIS courses – solution: letter from faculty indicating research nature of the course
Let this be case by case
- c. Transfer credit limit and potential waiver of the 3 credits maximum rule (Up to language) for skill building courses
DCW – Adjust language or just handle it case by case? Specific for transfer students
E.W. case by case.
- d. Cross listed courses (BS/MS)
Solution: if UUPC approves UG students taking 5000 classes
Hold on until UUPC vote
- e. Is non-degree seeking students eligible for the UG Research Certificate?
Change certificate language to include just Degree seeking students

Summarizing:

Items that URCC will send to the next UUPC meeting for approval

- Inclusion of the term degree-seeking before Undergraduates to clarify the intent of the Certificate
- Inclusion of 2 IFP courses to be added to the Research Exposure List
SYG2010 Social Problems
STA2023 Introductory Statistics
- Inclusion of the Senior Engineering Design Showcase as an approved UG research symposium to meet the Dissemination criteria.

Meeting adjourned: 1:10 pm