

Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Attendees

Members present: F. Bloetscher, E. Williams, E. Bennett, D. Mitsova, M. DeDonno, T. Hindle, L. Chiang-Hanisko and D. Chamely-Wiik

Others present: H. Su, P. Sampedro, and J. Soberon

I. Welcome new URCC members

DCW welcomed new URCC members from NUR-Lenny Chiang-Hanisko and SW&CJ-Lincoln Sloas

II. Approve April 13, 2023 - meeting minutes.

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher and T. Hindle, all in favor.

III. Course submitted for RI Designation

- ENG (OME) - EML 4551 RI: Design Project – Hongbo Su

Dr. Hongbo Su attended the meeting and introduced the course. This course includes group projects with students from different ENG&CS disciplines and each student has an individual role on the project.

Members agreed that this course met the criteria for RI Designation and unanimously approved it, pending inclusion in the syllabus of some language related to how group work is assessed on an individual basis.

Dr. Su will send updated syllabus to OURI after the meeting.

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher and E. Williams

IV. Undergraduate Research Certificate Updates-Petition for substitution

- SCI - Petition for substitution of DIS PCB4905 for DIR - Maria Merlano-Gomez

Petition for substitution was uploaded to canvas along with Student DARs and Faculty LOR prior the meeting. After reviewing course paperwork, members approved substitution of DIS for DIR.

Motion to approve: F. Bloetscher and E. Williams

V. Consider OURI SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship) as an approved dissemination forum for the UGR Certificate

Students who presented at the SURF showcase were hoping to add the presentation as part of the dissemination requirement of the UG Research Certificate, but SURF Showcase is not an approved UGR Certificate venue. All of the other approved dissemination venues are judged or have a thesis component, except for the UG Research Symposium poster presentations that is not judged but students write the abstract and it is reviewed by faculty

- The committee decided to table the OURI Summer showcase as an approved venue for the dissemination requirement of the UGR Certificate

Motion to Table: T. Hindle and F. Bloetscher

VI. Verifying that Faculty teaching RI designated courses are familiar with the process. How do we do that?

Committee suggestions:

- a. OURI creates a Faculty canvas resource site with RI criteria and expectations for faculty teaching RI designated courses
- b. Require faculty to complete a quiz
- c. For students, OURI creating a common shelf with e-Learning to add it to Canvas, to create student awareness of what they are signing up for when they select an RI course, and instructions on how to apply for the UG Research Certificate.

Committee approved addition of the following language to the URCC manual under Expectations for Faculty teaching RI Designated Courses:

“ For faculty teaching RI courses we recommend you complete a module Introducing RI designation through Canvas, to promote best practices for teaching RI designated courses”

The above language will be submitted to the upcoming UUPC meeting for approval

Motion to approve: E. Bennett and M. DeDonno

VII. 2022-2023 Updates:

- a. DCW updated on 9 RI designated courses approved during academic year 2022-2023 from A&L, BUS, EDU, ENG&CS, and SCI
- b. A total of 151 UG Research Certificates were awarded from Fall 2021/Spg.22 (14) to Spring 2023 (137), to students from all colleges except EDU and SW&CJ

DCW requested the committee members help advertising the UGR certificate in their colleges and give OURI suggestions on ways to do it. Should we rely on the college liaisons to communicate these opportunities, or should the message come from the Dean as a larger announcement to communicate to faculty or targeting students in particular? All agreed it should come from Dean of UGS.

Meeting adjourned 1:29 pm.