

**University Graduate Council
January 29, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Adam Bradford, GPC Chair, A&L; Arthur Sementelli, CDSI; Manny Gonzalez, CDSI; Ali Danesh, Education; Marianne Porter, Science; David Newman, Nursing; Mihaela Cardei, Engineering; Christopher Beetle, Science; Anita Pennathur, Business.

Others Present: Robert Stackman, Graduate College; Brian Farrell, Graduate College; Brian Hodge, Registrar; Daniel Meerof, Engineering; Karina Cruz, GPSA.

Absent: Paul Peluso, UGC Chair, Education; Mahyar Shirazi, Medicine; Sabrina Sembiante, Education; Ramesh Teegavarapu, Engineering; Dawn Froot, Library; Clifford Brown, A&L; Darren Pikul, GPSA.

- I. Meeting called to order by GPC Chair, Adam Bradford acting UGC Chair in place of Paul Peluso, at 2:02 pm.
 - A. Introductions were made.
- II. Adam had no announcements. No other members had any announcements to make.
- III. Review of minutes from the December 11, 2019 meeting.
 - A. Manny Gonzalez, CDSI: Referring to the Graduate Governance Document, is a background check necessary in all cases? Could instructors be appointed as Graduate Faculty?
 - B. Dr. Stackman: This is a work-in-progress. He requested feedback from the colleges, some of which he has received but still waiting for other responses.
 - C. The minutes from the last UGC meeting on December 11th were unanimously approved.
- IV. The below items/curriculum proposals were reviewed:

New Curriculum Proposals for December 11, 2019

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credit	Action
Reviewers by College: Education, Library				
Program Change	Master of Accounting	Business	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, CDSI				
New Course	EDF6499: Discourse Analysis in Education	Education	3	A
New Course	EDP6218: Motivational Theories in Educational Psychology	Education	3	AC (Changes Made)
New Course	EEX7918: Pre-Candidacy Research in Special Education	Education	1-6	A

Program Change	Doctor of Education: Exceptional Student Education	Education	N/A	A
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Education				
New Course	CAP5937: Special Topics in Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	3	AC (Changes Made)
New Course	CAP6938: Special Topics in Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	3	AC (Changes Made)
New Course	CAP6974: Master's Thesis – Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	1-9	A
New Program	Artificial Intelligence Graduate Certificate	Engineering	N/A	A
Program Change	MS in Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	N/A	A

Additional Discussion Items	
Title	Department
Space Assignment Policy	UGC Chair

V. All agenda items recommended by the GPC were unanimously approved by UGC to move forward to the Steering meeting on February 17, 2020.

VI. Discussion of Research Space Assignment Policy

A. Dr. Stackman: This was brought forward by the Division of Research (DoR)

1. Potentially 30 Biology students could be impacted by moving them to new space to make room for BioMed students.
2. Marianne Porter: Mentioned that it could also potentially impact up to 60 undergraduate students as well.
 - a. The Provost said at the last Senate meeting that this will not happen this semester.
 - b. Chris Beetle: The Provost mentioned that another meeting will be held in February, 2020 to discuss this matter further.
 - c. This has the potential to be very disruptive to campus operations and research activities.
 - d. Art Sementelli: It's almost as if FAU has a "musical chairs" mentality in terms of space utilization.
 - e. Marianne Porter: There is space available at other campuses besides the Boca campus – Use it first!
 - f. Chris Beetle: Proposed scrapping this current policy and creating a new one geared to the level of research actually taking place at FAU.
 - i. The Provost should create a committee to generate this new policy which should be made up of FAU faculty.

- ii. This would allow for faculty/Deans input as to what their space needs are currently and/or will be in the future.
- iii. This would allow the Deans to make commitments to faculty as to allocation of space.
- g. Marianne Porter: We should ensure the moves are being made for the right reasons. Is this a long-term solution or a stop-gap answer?
- h. The process should be overseen by a committee of the Faculty Senate to ensure it matches up with the Strategic Plan of the University.
- i. Adam Bradford: These decisions seem like they are being made using an axe vs. a scalpel! Can they be more strategic?
- j. Chris Beetle: Does the current policy go against the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)?
 - i. Anita Pennathur: Yes, it does, and the union is aware of this and is looking into it!
- k. Chris Beetle: When lab space changes hands, it should be clear to faculty the reasoning behind the change. Does it make sense:
 - l. There is currently a Space Utilization Committee, with Stacy Volnick & Jason Ball, which includes tenured faculty members.
 - i. Is there representation from every college?
- m. Chris Beetle: A policy would spell out a process that must be followed in these types of situations.
 - i. It appears this policy was circumvented, in this case.
- n. Adam Bradford: Our primary concern (read: bargaining strength) comes from the position of advocating for the students.
- o. Adam Bradford: What is the current decision-making process? Who makes these types of decisions? Stacy Volnick? Dan Flynn?
 - i. These decisions have to include input from the Deans/Chairs/Faculty.
- p. Adam Bradford: Suggested, and moved, that Chris Beetle and Marianne Porter put together a proposal to “scrap” the current policy and create a committee of faculty to draft a new policy that better fits the environment at FAU. This proposal would be sent to UGC Chair, Paul Peluso, to review and then brought back before the entire UGC for consideration before moving forward.
 - i. This motion was approved unanimously by the UGC.

VII. Meeting adjourned by acting UGC Chair, Adam Bradford at 3:20 pm

The next University Graduate Council meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2020