

**Florida Atlantic University
University Graduate Council (UGC)
Minutes
December 11, 2013**

Present: Elwood Hamlin II, CDSI; Deborah L. Floyd, Education; Allen Smith, Business; Chris Beetle, Science; David Newman, Nursing; Aloha Balza, GPSA; Jason Robison, GPSA; Zhixiao Xie, Science; William Rhodes, Engineering; Paul Peluso, Education; Hugh Miller, CDSI; Ali Zilouchian, Engineering; Mahyar Nourishirazi, Medicine; Doug Broadfield, Arts & Letters

Others Present: Barry Rosson, Graduate College; Barbara Bebergal, Division of Research/Graduate College; Susan Fulks, Graduate College;

Absent:

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

- I. Call to Order and Sign-In and Introductions.**
2012-2013 Chair Deborah Floyd, Council Members and Guests
- II. Review and Approve Agenda** (distributed in advance).
ACTION: The agenda was approved without objection.
- III. Approval of Minutes**
ACTION: The UGC minutes of October 16, 2013 were approved without objection.
- IV. Announcements**

None
- V. Report and Recommendations from the University Graduate Programs Committee.**

ACTION AGENDA

1. College for Design and Social Inquiry

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
Program Change	PhD. In Public Administration	N/A		

8. Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Course	Title	Credit	Action	Recommendation from Steering
Program Change	MS in Environmental Science-	N/A		

	Catalog Change			
Program Change	MS in Environmental Science- Core Courses	N/A		

All items on Action Agenda were approved by the council members of the UGC.

VI. Conferring masters degrees for doctoral students(credentialing along the pathway)

There was discussion on four year colleges. The governor was to give money to different colleges. FAU will apply for funds for Engineering and Computer Science.

Zilouchian – suggested the opportunity to increase graduate programs and to develop clusters with four year colleges.

Miller – Asked if presidents of four year colleges can be asked about inflated grades. Council asked about a GAP analysis for bachelor degrees.

Dr. McDaniel attended the meeting to represent the Academic Planning Committee. He discussed the metrics for the university. The number of master degrees in stem areas and masters along the way to Ph.D.

The council members were asked to go back to their colleges and ask their thoughts on masters along the way. This will appear on the next agenda.

VII. Old Business from the November meeting

Dissenting votes on Ph.D. committees – Miller/CDSI – his college has a majority of three