

Members present: Eric Hanne, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Hongbo Su, EG; Nicholas Baima, HC; Clarene Brown-King, NU; Lawrence Mello, Library; Korey Sorge, SC; Sigal Rubin, SJ; Dan Meeroff, Interim Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Donna Chamely-Wiik, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council; Marie Claire DeMassi, University Registrar; Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Fred Bloetscher, Engineering; Yaouen Fily, Honors College; Nuria Godon, Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature; Elizabeth Kennedy, University Advising Services; Robyn Klein, Curriculum and Instruction; Rebecca LeMoine; Political Science; Joy Longo, Nursing; Valentina Martinez, Anthropology; Lauren Mavica, Psychology; Nicole Morse, Communication and Multimedia Studies; Tito Sempertegui, Chemistry and Biochemistry.

The meeting, via Webex, was called to order at 10 a.m. by UUPC Chair Ethlyn Williams.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Williams asked for any changes to the February 27, 2023, minutes. There being no changes, the minutes were approved.

Chair Williams reminded committee members to attend the upcoming UFS Steering meeting if they had items on today's agenda, followed by the Faculty Senate meeting. Any questions about UUPC items could be easily answered at Steering if someone from the college or unit is in attendance. Unanswered questions delay the approval process and Steering could postpone the proposal.

Chair Williams then opened a discussion about course levels and how it is determined that a course is upper level or lower level. This question was asked of her recently in conjunction with an accreditation review, and she would like to see clear criteria in the UUPC guidelines. She shared that, for example, in the College of Business, the undergraduate curriculum committee has expectations for courses and certain elements of a syllabus are reviewed, such as objectives and assignments, but guidelines are not written down. She provided an example from the University of New Orleans where

II. OLD BUSINESS

Guest Nuria Godon spoke about the Spanish courses that had been postponed at the previous meeting

who is now teaching them. Dean Meeroff asked if an upper-division version of WST 2101 would be considered. Dr. Morse replied they prefer to maintain a number of lower-division courses in the program to service the WGSS minor, but it is possible this could be considered. **The UUPC approved the changes.**

<u>WST 2101</u>	Women and Gender in the Global South (New title: Women, Gender and Power in the Global South)	3	Change title	
<u>WST 3325</u>	Gender-Based Violence and Resistance (New title: Gender-Based Violence and Social Movements)	3	Change title and description	
<u>WST 4113</u>	Women's International Human Rights (New title: Gender and Human Rights)	3	Change title and description	
<u>WST 4404</u>	Women of Color in the U.S. (New title: Intersectional Feminist Politics in the U.S.)	3	Change title and description	

Anthropology

Guest Valentina Martinez spoke about three new courses in Anthropology and a program change. The new courses will be program electives that were prepared by a new faculty member based on his professional background and passion. The program change covers adding the three new courses to an elective list for B.A. students in Anthropology. **The UUPC approved the new ANT courses and the program change.**

History

AL Rep Eric Hanne described the changes in the B.A. in History program. The requirement of 9 credits of upper-division college electives will be eliminated while upper-division coursework in Latin American History and World History will be increased. Overall, the program remains at 120 credits. **The UUPC approved the re-distribution of credits.**

Interdisciplinary Studies

Guest Rebecca LeMoine stated that the certificate in Ethics, Law and Society needed more flexible options for students. Now, instead of one required course, students may make a choice between two courses. More relevant courses have also been added to the categories of courses from which students choose the rest of the required 15 credits. Dean Meeroff asked why this certificate needed 15 credits instead of the minimum requirement of 12 credits. Dr. LeMoine replied it was created many years ago, but the intent was to make it a bit more rigorous to demonstrate expertise in this area. **The UUPC approved the certificate changes.**

Political Science

Guest LeMoine then discussed a new course in political marketing. ED Rep Yash Bhagwanji asked where the new course would fit in the program. Dr. LeMoine stated that it will be an elective course and added it has the support of the Marketing Department. Since the Political Science electives are not listed in a table in the catalog, a program change is not needed to include this course as an elective. **The UUPC approved the new course.**

3. Education

ED Rep Bhagwanji introduced Guest Robyn Klein to discuss a program change. Guest Klein explained that the change entails moving a course from an elective to a required course and the reduction of electives overall. The program remains at 120 credits. She said the Mathematical Sciences Department approved this change. **The UUPC approved the change.**

4. Honors College

HC Rep Nicholas Baima first presented a program change for the environmental conge

5. Nursing

Guest Joy Longo spoke about the program changes

The three Psychology program changes all involve adding the new courses to elective tables, Dr. Mavica explained. **The UUPC approved the three program changes.**

Physics

SC Rep Sorge introduced several courses where the credits are changing from 4 to 3. He explained the reason behind the credit changes is because the program is getting more interest from transfers, but they come in with too many credits to pursue Physics. The Physics major is on the high-end of credits with respect to peers in the state. 1.207 TIm

