

Members present: Thomas Stoller, AL; Ethlyn Williams, BA; Yash Bhagwanji, ED; Hongbo Su, EG; Clarene Brown King, NU; Corey Sorges, SC; Seth Fallik for Sigal Rubin, Library; Lawrence Mello, Library; Dan Meeroff, Interim Dean, Undergraduate Studies; Mary Ann Gosser, University Honors Council (UHC); Claire DeMassi, Interim University Registrar; Maria Jennings and Elissa Rudolph, Registrar's Office.

Guests: Dalel Bader, University Advising; Fred Bloetscher, College of Engineering and Computer Science; Randy Brooks, Biology; Nannetta Durnell Wechue, Communication and Multimedia Studies; Evelyn Frazier, Biology; Elizabeth Kennedy, University Advising; Joy Longo, Nursing; Julia Mason, English; Bethany Stanhope, Max Planck Academy; Debra Szabo, Provost's Office

Absent: Nicholas Baima, C

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 October 10 2022, 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 attendance. Unanswered questions delay the approval process and Steering could postpone the proposal.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. University-Wide

Dan Meeroff, Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies reported that the Honors in the Major proposal was approved by UUPC last month, and then it went to the University Graduate Programs Committee (UGPC) and approved there. Next, it is awaiting review by the University Graduate Council (UGC). He thanked Mary Ann Gosser, Director of the University Honors Council, for shepherding the proposal through the various tiers of approval.

Since this revised Honors in the Major entity pertains to both undergraduate and graduate students similar to combined programs, there followed a discussion on the approval protocol for such programs. A decision has been made to present new combined programs or changes to those programs to UGPC first, then to UUPC, followed by UGC. Any changes/comments made by UGPC on the programs would be communicated to UUPC a Dean Meeroff and/or the UGPC chair, and RO Rep Maria Jennings would communicate any changes/comments made by UUPC to the UGC before their meeting.

Dean Meeroff then presented the new IDS course. First, a faculty committee comprised of one representative from each college, many of whom are associate deans of undergraduate studies in their college, was created to approve proposals to degree programs administered by Undergraduate Studies. This capstone course will be a requirement intended to be taken by students in the final semester of their Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) program. He added there will likely be a section on the schedule for each of the colleges participating in the BPS. The course is variable credit. Chair Williams asked how credits will be determined per student.

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Dr. Julia Mason presented the program change to terminate four of the five concentrations in the BA in English. SC Rep Sorge wondered if the concentrations could be merged instead of eliminated. Dr. Mason said that the English major already heavily focused on literature. Merging the concentrations wouldn't really help the students. The department is keeping the Writing and Rhetoric concentration because it is advantageous to students more so than the literature-specific concentrations. For example, she said there have only been two students in the World Literature concentration in the past ten years. AL Rep Stollar echoed SC Rep Sorge's sentiment saying it doesn't hurt to have concentrations so why eliminate them? Guest Mason offered that basically there is no student interest in them and there hasn't been for many years. Chair Williams asked if terminating the concentrations will affect faculty. Dr. Mason confirmed that faculty will not be affected. Chair Williams then suggested that Dr. Mason go to the UFS Steering meeting in case there are questions such as those being brought forward at this meeting. AL Rep Stollar then added that the Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature Department was contacted to look over this program change but there is no initiative to do so.

UUPC approved those changes.

4. Honors College

5. Nursing

The Nursing combined program, shared with the College of Engineering and Computer Science, was discussed above under the Engineering portion of the meeting (see item 3). e (hr)(s)-4le3eew (e)-6 (cu-3 (h)