



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate
Research and Inquiry

Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

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

Others present: P. Sampedro and J. Soberon

I. T-shirt distribution in person

II. Approve 4/18/2024 meeting minutes

Motion to approve: E. Bennett, second M. DeDonno

Abstain: L. Chiang-Hanisko

All others: Approved

III. UG Research Certificate: Petition for substitution of Research Exposure courses

SCI– Brendan Sestito

- PSY 3213 Research Methods in Psychology
- PSY 4935 Honors Critical Questions in Psychology

Donna shared student DARS with committee, student petition is for 6 UGR Certificate credits. He is not eligible for the certificate because he is missing research exposure courses.

After reviewing the student complete DARS, we found:

1. Student is currently registered in PSY 4970 Honors Thesis, this is not RI designated because SCI did not submit this course for RI Designation (As the Honors college did)
2. He has IFP course Gen. Bio, and Research Method in Psychology
T. Hindle: not accept any transfer courses. (OURI accepts up to 3 credits due that FAU has 50% of transfer students).
3. Decision:
 - i. Committee will support 3 credits of Honors Thesis as RI; Honors Thesis does not have RI designation in SCI (check if a syllabus is required)
 - ii. Allow PSY 3213 Research Methods in Psychology to replace research exposure

Motion to approve: E. Williams, second D. de Lill

Abstain: T. Hindle and F. Bloetscher

Approved: 5

To do:



1. Review whether 4900 Honors Thesis courses require a syllabus and decide how to advance these towards making them RI
2. Reach out to Psychology about changing PSY 4970 to RI and adding PSY 3213 to Research Skill building (cc: T. Hindle and D. Mitsova)

IV. Discussion Items:

a. Review of 5-year RI review process:

1. Approve RI at course level. Review should be at course level and not by section.

Motion to approve: M. DeDonno, second T. Hindle.

No – F. Bloetscher

All others: Approved

Suggestions:

- i. E. Williams – Department appoints a person to make sure new faculty are teaching the course as RI
- ii. T. Hindle – RI 5-year review should have a section for the department Chair to certify that all the sections will be taught as RI
 - OURI copy chairs on RI 5-year review emails

Decision based on discussions/suggestions:

Continue copying department Chairs on all emails regarding RI re-certification. Leave with faculty honor code that all sections will be taught as RI. Inclusion of the Department

New addition to 5-year review: Chair signing off that all sections of the Courses has been taught as RI.

2. Non-compliant faculty after multiple emails – wrong syllabi/wrong course or no response to the request
 - i. Include URCC member in the emails to the non-compliance RI 5-year review emails

b. Counting BS/MS degrees 5000 level courses for joint or honors programs (Bloetscher)

BSM units who took graduate level classes. DIS at 5000 level

Thesis type course RI/DIR

1. Petition process to include that 5000 level course count as RI
2. Consult with Grad college, each department will have to approve at the graduate level.

Decision: Approval of courses can occur through the individual petition process

Motion to approve: T. Hindle

F. Bloetscher – No

All others: in favor

V. To review and vote: None

VI. Updates from Liaison Meeting



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- a. Sub-committee of Liaisons to establish faculty resources/recommendations for Exposure and Skill building courses within RI process.
 - i. Working on build research skills and exposure, awareness campaign

VII. Next Steps/To do: Save the date Wed, Dec 4th for family lunch at the club.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:01 am