

Undergraduate Research Curriculum Committee

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Meeting Minutes

WebEx Meeting 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Attendees

Members present: F. Bloetscher, E. Williams, E. Bennett, JY. Park, D. Mitsova, M. DeDonno and D. Chamely-Wiik

Others present: P. Sampedro, J. Soberon and Samuel Director

I. Course submitted for RI Designation:

- a. A&L - PHI 4633 Biomedical Ethics – Samuel Director
 - S. Director: This course is usually taught at the upper division level to health science majors and occasionally philosophy majors who want to go into medicine.
 - The course will have an RI and non-RI version. Research paper will be centered on a topic that interest students in Medicine or Ethics.
 - Students will apply implicit methodology philosophers use, reasoning through thought experiments and premised arguments and appealing to common sense.
 - EW. Recommendation:
 1. Modification to the project description to include this notion of arguments and counter arguments and a more of the critical thinking to the learning outcome to tie into that assignment.

Conclusion: Committee unanimously approve this course for RI designation, pending syllabus updated with recommendations.

Motion to approved: D. Mitsova and F. Bloetscher

II. Approve November 17 - meeting minutes.

Motion to approve: E. Williams and Fred. Bloetscher

III. UG Research Certificate Petition for waiver/substitution

- a. ENG&CS – Matheus Rodrigues-Melo petition for substitution of EEL 4930 Sensor Networks and Smart Systems for Skill building requirement

Petition and supported documentation were reviewed by F. Bloetscher, there is also a LOS from Dr. Ilyas stating the research component of the course.

Motion to approved: E. Williams and F. Bloetscher, all in favor.

IV. Undergraduate Research Certificate Updates:

College	UGR Certificate Awarded Fall 21	UGR Certificate Awarded Spg 22	UGR Certificate Awarded Sum 22	UGR Certificate Awarded Fall 22	Total UG Research certificates Awarded
A&L	1	2	1	1	5
BUS	1			2	3
EDU					
ENG&CS	1			19	20
HON		1	4		5
NUR		2			2
SCI	1	5	3	7	16
SW&CJ					
Total	4	10	8	29	51

DCW- OURI will use this chart to award the top 3 colleges for participation in the Undergraduate research Certificate.

- The Honors college has created their own QR code with stats for honor's college students to apply for the undergraduate research certificate.
- It is not too late to advertise this in your colleges, we have the HON college symposium and the UG research symposium this semester.
- DCW encourage members to marketing/advertise the UG Research Certificate in their own units.

V. RI courses 5-Year Review updates:

- 6 out of 12 courses submitted for RI 5-year review were renewed.
 - 5 courses pending, waiting for syllabi updates (ART4785C; ART4954; ART4955C; EDF3912; CAP3786)
 - 1 course GRA 3594C Eye Tracking Visual Analysis & Design on hiatus (faculty no longer at FAU)
- a. OURI is waiting for syllabus updates from 5 courses, GRA 3594C is on hold until they find a new faculty who wanted to teach the course.
- b. DCW thanked all the reviewers for their awesome job providing feedback for these courses.
- c. F. Bloetscher - we need to request faculty especially the ones in VAAH/MUS to defying what is research in their courses. He gave an example of a course that he reviewed ART4785C Clay and Ceramics class.
 - The course check most of the boxes for RI, but could not find what is the research component?, where the ideas came from?, what they have done in the past?. Hypothesis was there, but only experimentation, but was missing indication of research. Needs a statement for the instructor on the research content of the course.

Recommendations for the 5-year review process update:

 1. Write a statement of what research looks like in your field

2. All feedback from the reviewers should be considered when updating the syllabus.
3. If the faculty does not agreed with the reviewers' comments, write the reason.

RI 5-year review document to review on February meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:14 pm.