

MINUTES
Undergraduate Policy Committee Meeting
March 26, 2025

Members Present: Joe O'Shea, Enrique Alvarez, Laura Bell, Jane Clendinning, Carol Edwards, Liz Foster, Henry Fuelberg, Lydia Hanks, Gregory Harris, Patrick Hollis, Daniel Mears, Lisa Munson, Steven Palazzo, Britain Riley, Brian Parker, Teresa Roach, Besiki Stvilia, Lisa Tripp, and Yanyun Yang

Others Attending: Kimberly Hunter, Christina Pater, and Courtney Barry

- I. Approval of Agenda
The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. and the agenda was approved.
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2025
The minutes from February 26 were approved.
- III. New Business:
 1. Proposed Request to Offer New Pathway Program in Engineering
Dr. Kimberly Hunter presented the proposal for the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering (CBE) for approval of a combined Bachelor of Science and Master of Science (BS-MS) degree program based on the existing Biomedical Engineering BS and Chemical Engineering MS programs. Academically talented students will be able to enter the combined BS/MS from any of the majors within the Biomedical BS degree. Students who have graduated with this degree track have been able to find jobs successfully or have pursued advanced degrees in Chemical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Medicine, Business, Patent Law and other related fields. Dr. Hunter presented information on PowerPoint slides during the meeting. The UPC membership voted to **APPROVE** unanimously.
 2. Spring 2025 UPC Activities/Updates
Please keep the next two April meetings on your calendars. No agenda items currently scheduled for our next two meetings (4/9 and 4/23), but Dan will let you know if we need to cancel either meeting.
 3. Update from Undergraduate Studies – BOG meeting went well today and FAMU hosted. FSU received funding approval to build an acute care hospital in Panama City Beach. FSU also received approval for funding a women's lacrosse facility and additional funding for stadium renovations. Over 80,000 students applied to FSU. Incredible effort performed by Hege and our Admissions staff to review wholistically and make decisions. In-state acceptance rates are higher than out-of-state acceptance rates. CARE, Honors, and Presidential Scholars have very strong acceptance rates as well. International Programs is still managing a huge demand and interest from students as a pathway.

Stellic has launched and allows students to search and register for courses. Using Stellic, students can also see their degree plan and audit of courses. *Her Campus* had a recent article where a FSU student commented "Stellic is a game changer." Special thanks to Heather Bishop and Scott Thorp for leading this important student success initiative and working really hard to implement this degree management tool. Next step is for graduate students to have access to this degree management tool.

Joe also discussed the FSU Next Program where over 1,000 students have recently been admitted into this program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.