

MINUTES
Undergraduate Policy Committee Meeting
November 5, 2025

Attendees Present: Amy Guerette, Joe O'Shea, Jen Atkins, Enrique Alvarez, Michael Hanawalt, Antonia Nemec, Carol Edwards, Gregory Harris, Dan Mears, Nikki Raimondi, Charlie Hofacker, Kathy Tillman, Rylan Douthett, Lisa Tripp, Justin Shows, Jim Sickinger, Britain Dwyre Riley, Mei Zhang, Teresa Roach, Besiki Stvilia, and Yanyun Yang

I. Welcome and Introduction of Members

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2025

The minutes were approved.

III. New Business:

1. **Request to offer a new Event Management major (new BS degree)** - New Hospitality Management major proposal from the Dedman College of Hospitality. Alishia Piotrowski, Assistant Dean, presented the proposal. The degree will help since there has been an increase in student demand and the College has offered more courses in Event Management. In partnership with the Turnbull Conference Center, the College will offer some in-person hands on event planning courses. This new degree will help students with career progression in the hospitality industry. The UPC membership voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the degree.
2. At the next UPC meeting on 11/19 there may be a review of an additional major proposal.
3. **Program reviews:** We will receive an update when Lynn Hogan has more information about the process and timeline.
4. **Simple Syllabus:** Amy reviewed what Simple Syllabus is, the timeline, and answered questions.
5. **FSU Policy 9-7:** Distance Learning – the policy is being revised for online undergraduate programs. Amy discussed and recommended UPC review the policy in early Spring 2026.
6. **Update from Undergraduate Studies** – Joe shared a new Dean of Undergraduate Studies will be announced by November 7. The person will start later this month and serve on UPC. The Florida performance-based funding metrics are changing. Admissions is going strong for undergraduates with over 8% increase in applications compared to last year. Joe briefly mentioned new construction starting later this year with a parking garage, dining hall, and 1,200 beds in the northwest part of campus – completion with a new residence hall by 2030. He also mentioned working hard on reaching fall to spring retention of 99%. Graduation rate projections appear tied with last year for a record possibly even higher. Lastly, Athletics will be posting a new APR for student-athletes which should be a record for FSU and one of the highest in the country.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

2025-2026 UPC meeting dates: All meetings will begin at 3:35 pm in 201 Westcott. Remaining meeting dates: **November 19**, January 14, January 28, February 11, February 25, March 11, March 25, April 8, and April 22