

MINUTES
Undergraduate Policy Committee Meeting
April 8, 2026

Members Present: Dan Mears, Rylan Douthett, Justin Shows, Jonathan Jackson, Enrique Alvarez, Carol Edwards, Henry Fuelberg, Michael Hanawalt, Britain Riley, Besiki Stvilia, Lisa Munson, Antonia Nemece, Brian Parker, Teresa Roach, Justin Shows, James Sickinger, Xinlin Tang, Amy Guerette, Nikki Raimondi, DeOnte Brown, Jeff Brown, Monoka Venters

I. **Approval of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order, and the agenda was approved.

II. **Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2026**

The minutes were approved.

III. **New Business:**

1. **Proposed Request to offer a new African American Studies Undergraduate Certificate**

Dr. Katrinell Davis discussed how this certificate supports degree-seeking students interested in African American Studies and helps to credential their interest. She explained this certificate, if approved by UPC, would be offered Fall 2026. The certificate allows undergraduate students to earn twelve credit hours in African American Studies, which will appear on students' transcripts. The certificate will not require any new courses and there is sufficient enrollment capacity. The certificate consists of three required courses and one elective course to be chosen among six existing courses. Enrollment projection for the certificate is five students in year one and growing to twenty students by year five. This certificate is available to students whose primary major is housed in a different College. Students must earn at least a 2.0 GPA across all certificate coursework to receive the certificate. The UPC membership voted, and the degree proposal was **APPROVED**.

2. **FSU Policy 9-2: Combined Undergraduate to Graduate and Joint Graduate Pathways**

Amy discussed current revisions to the policy and is seeking feedback from faculty. She has shared the policy with the Graduate Policy Committee for suggested revisions as well. She shared this policy explains how students may take 12 credit hours of graduate coursework during their senior year that count both towards their bachelor's degree and graduate degree. When participating in this pathway, students do pay graduate tuition. This pathway helps students engage in undergraduate research opportunities and earn graduate credit. Undergraduate students will still apply and be accepted in order to be formally admitted to a graduate program. The graduate program will intentionally identify courses. Amy will be sharing the FSU Regulations website link since the policy will be publicly posted for 21 days.

3. **Update from Undergraduate Studies**

DeOnte Brown provided an update indicating that students currently enrolled in SYG 1000 for Fall 2026 received direct communication and guidance on other course options due to recent changes to General Education requirements. Approx. 90% of first-year students are enrolled for the fall semester, and Undergraduate Studies will continue to educate students on removing registration holds and proactively conduct outreach to support course registration.

2025-2026 UPC meeting dates: All meetings will begin at 3:35 pm in 201 Westcott. The remaining meeting date is April 22.