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Undergraduate Policy Committee Meeting
October 7, 2026

Members Present: Enrique Alvarez, Jennifer Atkins, Rylan Douthett, Michael Hanawalt, Gregory Harris, Jonathan Jackson, Orenda Johnson, Virginia Lewis, Dan Mears, Chris Mills, Lisa Munson, Antonia Nemec, Brian Parker, Teresa Roach, Justin Shows, Xinlin Tang, Lisa Tripp, Yanyun Yang, Mei Zhang. Others in Attendance: Nikki Raimondi, Lynn Hogan, Margeret Bowman, Lauren Afong, Courtney Barry, Robin Goodman, DeOnte Brown, Amy Guerette, Kathleen McCullough, Aline Kalbian, Micheal Stukel, Jeff Chanton, Barry Faulk, Jim Fadool, Miles Romney, LaToya Brown (minutes)

I. Approval of Agenda

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

II. Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2026

The minutes were approved.

III. New Business:

1. **Proposal 1: (Combined Pathway): BA in English (Literature/Media/Culture) to MA in English (Literature/Media/Culture)**
   The proposed pathway is designed to provide undergraduate students with a streamlined and accelerated route to completing a master's degree. Committee discussion focused on the selection of shared undergraduate and graduate courses, the flexibility of course options available to students, and the measures in place to make sure students are prepared for graduate-level coursework. The proposal was approved unanimously.

2. **Proposal 2: (Combined Pathway): BS in Environmental Science to MS in Oceanography-Aquatic Environmental Science**
   The proposed pathway was developed to provide students with an accelerated option for graduate study while supporting workforce needs in agencies such as Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. Committee members discussed student interest in the program, career opportunities for graduates, the distinction between undergraduate- and graduate-level coursework, and the program's ability to support advising and enrollment growth. Following discussion, the proposal was approved unanimously.

3. **Proposal 3: (Combined Pathway): BS in Meteorology to MS in Meteorology**
   The proposed pathway was presented as an opportunity to provide students with a more direct route to graduate education while addressing the growing demand for advanced credentials in the field. Meteorology faculty noted that the pathway would help prepare students for careers with the National Weather Service and other public and private sector employers. Committee discussion focused on the shared graduate-level courses included in the pathway, workforce relevance, and how the program complements existing academic offerings within the department. Following discussion, the proposal was approved unanimously.

4. **Proposal 4: New Major Proposal: Wealth Management**
   The Wealth Management major proposal was presented by the College of Business as an interdisciplinary program designed to combine finance, accounting, taxation, insurance, and legal planning. Faculty explained that the major was developed in response to growing industry demand and the increasing complexity of wealth and financial management. Committee discussion focused on workforce needs, career opportunities, and how the program will prepare students for careers serving individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. Following discussion, the proposal was approved unanimously.

5. **Combined Pathway Policy Update**
   Future combined pathway proposals will be reviewed by UPC and Graduate Policy Committee. Previously submitted proposals will follow the current approval process.

6. **CoreFSU Proposed Changes (Information Item)**
   Lynn Hogan & Jim Fadool presented proposed revisions to CoreFSU and University-wide graduation requirements, with the changes potentially taking effect in Fall 2027. The presentation was informational only. No vote was taken.

IV. Remaining Agenda Items: Undergraduate Studies update and closing remarks were not discussed.

2026-2027 UPC meeting dates: All meetings will begin at 3:35 pm in 201 Westcott. Meeting dates: October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, January 20, February 3, February 17, March 3, March 31, April 14