

**University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 404, September 30, 2005
MINUTES**

Council Members Present: *C. Ashmankas, S. Barber, K. Branch, J. Campbell, A. Cunningham, D. Heskett, B. Lucht, M. Sadd, D. Sheinin, D. Smith, S. Wyant, and E. Yeaw*

Others Present: *Vice Provost L. Pasquerella and Associate Dean H. Bibb*

- I. *The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.* by Associate Dean Bibb who welcomed new and returning members of the Council and asked that members introduce themselves.
- II. *The Minutes of Meeting No. 403* were approved.

III. Vice Provost Discussion Items

Vice Provost Pasquerella gave the Council updates on a number of matters of importance to the Council and to graduate education at URI:

- A. A new subcommittee of the Council will be appointed to study and make recommendations regarding tuition support for students who have won domestic scholarships and fellowships that are externally funded and for international students who have received Fulbright awards. In many of these cases the awards provide a stipend but do not meet tuition costs.
- B. Through an EPSCoR application that is being prepared at URI, URI students would be able to take courses at Brown University while paying only URI tuition, and Brown University students would be able to take courses at URI while only paying tuition at Brown.
- C. At a recent meeting of representatives from schools that had received Council of Graduate School Awards to develop programs in Research Ethics, the URI Research Ethics Fellows program was identified as a model of excellence.
- D. Research Week, an initiative begun this year by the Vice Provost, will begin on Monday, October 17 and run through Friday, October 21. Each day during the week will have a different emphasis, and luminaries and outside speakers will be present to highlight the activities. One of the speakers will be Graduate Council member Stephen Barber from the Department of English. October 17 will be the day used to highlight graduate studies.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

1. New Business

Changes approved:

PLS 540 Diseases of Turf & Ornament – change in prerequisite

PLS 542 Advanced Turf Management – change in prerequisite

PLS 571 Plant Improvement – change in prerequisite

APG/MAF 413 Peoples of the Sea – change in prerequisite

COM 422 Communication and Conflict Intervention – change in prerequisite

PSY 550 Operant Analysis of Behavior – change in title

Doctoral Program in Experimental Psychology – change in title

New Courses Approved:

EVS 610X Multidisciplinary Problem Solving in Coastal Ecosystems

NRS 545X Invasive Species Research, Management and Policy

Items Tabled:

Proposal for Transportation Concentration in Master of Public Administration – needs letter of support from Dean Nassersharif

WMS 410 Portfolio in Women's Studies – New Course – need information if it is intended for graduate credit

WRT 483/484 Internship in Writing and Rhetoric – need syllabus

WRT 490 Writing and Rhetoric – need additional information on prerequisite

Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering – title and emphasis change for MS Program – need information on some courses

CBA Doctoral Program Requirement – change in program requirements

- B. Curriculum Committee – Associate Dean Bibb announced that at a future meeting, Associate Dean Beckman would ask the Council to consider a single summer meeting to handle urgent curricular matters.

C. New Program Committee

The Graduate School has received a proposal from the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies for a new post-baccalaureate certificate program in Information Literacy Instruction.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.