

University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 406, November 18, 2005
MINUTES

Council Members Present: *Stephen Barber, Kathryn Branch, David Heskett, Chong Lee, Martin Sadd, Evelyn Yeaw*

Others Present: *Vice Provost L. Pasquerella, Associate Dean Harold Bibb, Ms. Ruth Gormly, Prof. M. Havener, Prof. D. Schwartz Barcott, Prof. D. Coppa*

- I. ***The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.*** by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.
- II. ***The Minutes of Meeting No. 405*** were approved as amended.
- III. ***Vice Provost Discussion Items***
 - A. Vice Provost Pasquerella announced that she and Associate Deans Bibb and Beckman will be attending the Council of Graduate Schools Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, CA from December 7-10, 2005. The Graduate Council meeting scheduled for Friday, December 9, will be rescheduled to Friday, December 16. Associate Deans Bibb and Beckmen will also be attending a NEAGEP conference in January in Puerto Rico. The NEAGEP alliance promotes recruitment of underrepresented groups in STEM disciplines.
 - B. The SEAMEO (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization) Regional Training Center is organizing a U.S. Higher Education Fair on January 15, 2006, in Viet Nam. Funding is available for anyone interested in attending for recruitment of top-level students in the STEM disciplines.
 - C. Vice Provost Pasquerella reported receiving 16 applications for the position of Coordinator for Graduate Recruitment at the Graduate School. Harold Bibb will chair the search committee.
 - D. Prof. Sarina Wyant of Special Collections at University Library and Associate Dean Judy Beckman have been working to transition the thesis checker position at the Graduate School back to the library. The position will become full-time and will perform clerical work at the Library as well as thesis/dissertation checking.
 - E. The Graduate Council Subcommittee on Tuition Support and Waivers will meet soon to discuss issues of tuition waivers to promote research and graduate studies at the University.
 - F. The College of Pharmacy is looking into establishing a Research Center. Vice Provost Pasquerella recently met with a number of people to talk about establishing a policy center to deal with Medicaid match. The Governor has offered a person from his office to come in and direct this policy center.

IV. Announcements

A. Associate Dean Harold Bibb announced the appointment of the following individuals to the Graduate Faculty:

Dr. Vitalii Sheremet – Oceanography
Dr. Gopu Potty – Ocean Engineering
Dr. Edward Filardo – Biological Sciences
Dr. Stuart Cromarty – Biological Sciences
Dr. Christopher Deacutis – Biological Sciences
Dr. Evan Preisser – Biological Sciences
Dr. Sandra Nauwelaerts – Biological Sciences
Dr. Dorothy Kellogg – Natural Resources Science

B. Associate Dean Harold Bibb welcomed Professor Chong Lee as a new member to the Graduate Council. Prof Lee is from the College of Environmental and Life Sciences.

V. Committee Reports

A. New Program Committee

i. Associate Dean Harold Bibb introduced Prof. Michael Havener for a discussion on the Certificate Proposal in Information Literacy from the Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences. Following a brief question and answer session, the Graduate Council approved the certificate proposal. The proposal will be forwarded for comment from the University community at large and the Council of Deans.

B. Curriculum Committee

i. New Business

Courses Approved:

MCE 433 Mechatronics
MCE 552 Advanced Experimental Methods
NUR 508 Physical Assessment of Older Adults
NUR 561 Gerontological Nurse Practitioner I
NUR 562 Gerontological Nurse Practitioner I, practicum
NUR 563 Gerontological Nurse Practitioner II
NUR 564 Gerontological Nurse Practitioner II, practicum
CMD 494X Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders

Changes:

IME 549 Advanced Product Design for Manufacture – change in prerequisite
IME 550 Design for Producibility - change in prerequisite
HDF 400 Child Development Advanced Course - change in prerequisite
HDF 418 Personal Finance - change in prerequisite
HDF 471 Responding to Grief - change in prerequisite
HDF 535 Families Under Stress: Coping and Adaptation - change in prerequisite
HDF 565 Family Therapy Practicum - change in prerequisite
HDF 573 Legal Issues in Higher Education - change in prerequisite

HDF 575 Cultural Competence in Human Services - change in prerequisite
HDF 576 Diversity in Higher Education - change in prerequisite

i. School of Education

a. Transcript Statement Proposal - Approved

“This student has completed a state-approved educator program under the terms of the Interstate Agreement for the Qualifications of Educational Personnel. The education programs at the University of Rhode Island are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

b. Reinstatement of the Council for Teacher Education - Noted

c. Clarification of Catalog Language for Joint Ph.D. in Education - Approved

ii. Department of Kinesiology

Creation of a Department of Physical Therapy – Approved with suggestion for more clarification. The Graduate Council notes this is under the control of the Senate’s Curricular Affairs Committee.

VI. *New Business*

- A. The issue of a summer meeting of the Graduate Council Curricular Committee for the review of X courses will be reviewed and discussed at a later meeting.

- B. The Graduate Council approved the draft changes relating to “No New Resources” for the University Manual Section 8.85.30 and the addition of Section 8.85.31.

VI. *Adjournment*

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.