

**University of Rhode Island**  
**The Graduate School**  
**Graduate Council Meeting No. 408, February 3, 2006**  
**MINUTES**

**Council Members Present:** *Cristin Ashmankas, Stephen Barber, Kathryn Branch, Josie Campbell, Aine Cunningham, David Heskett, Chong Lee, Brett Lucht, Thomas Needham, Martin Sadd, David Smith, Sarina Wyant, Evelyn Yeaw*

**Others Present:** *Vice Provost L. Pasquerella, Associate Dean Judy Beckman, Ms. Ruth Gormly*

- I. ***The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.*** by Associate Dean Judy Beckman.
- II. ***The Minutes of Meeting No. 407*** were approved.
- III. ***Vice Provost Discussion Items***
  - A. Associate Dean Beckman reported that the Curricular Committee met on Monday, January 30, to discuss a process for handling routine, non-controversial summer matters, such as X courses or things that might come up in May or June and had not been approved in the regular academic year. The committee agreed that a procedure should be developed, such as by email, for the Graduate Council to express their concerns on these matters. Associate Dean Beckman will come back next month with a proposal for approval of the Graduate Council.
  - B. Associate Dean Beckman announced that HELIN, the Consortium of University Libraries, has received a grant to implement an online repository system. Each university in the system will participate. Documents to be posted will include, but not be limited to:
    1. PHD Dissertations
    2. Master's Theses
    3. Faculty Working Papers and Publications

The Library will be sending out a request for faculty to take part in a survey describing their interest in participating in this process. Sarina Wyant reported that training sessions have already been scheduled in ProQuest and a University press release will be issued on the initiatives. It is a 2-year grant, based on ProQuest. Anyone interested in having their digital materials archived is encouraged to participate in the survey which will be coming out on February 15. Discussions at the college faculty meetings should also be encouraged. ProQuest will have its own submission standards on how they are going to accept documents. Once the Library knows the procedures, this information will be disseminated to the University
  - C. Associate Dean Beckman announced that the Coordinator for Graduate School Recruitment has been hired under the Northeast Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (NEAGEP) grant. Padma Venkatraman will start on Tuesday, February 7. The position is part time at 20 hrs. per week.

- D. Vice Provost Pasquerella discussed the NEAGEP grant and reported that the grant allows the university to focus on recruitment of underrepresented students in the STEM disciplines. URI is one of six New England institutions involved in NEAGEP. There are 30 institutions throughout the country focusing on this sort of initiative. Judy Beckman and Harold Bibb recently attended a meeting in Puerto Rico on assessment issues (see Item E). Vice Provost Pasquerella will be attending a meeting in Puerto Rico within two weeks to report on the progress here at the University and the University's initiatives over the next four years.
- E. Associate Dean Beckman reported that both she and Harold Bibb recently attended the second annual AGEPE Evaluation Capacity Workshop held in Puerto Rico Jan. 25-29, 2006. She noted that the workshop was a "working" workshop, to discuss recruitment initiatives and to develop a system for reporting on a consistent basis across all universities involved in the AGEPE grant. The lead on the NEAGEPE grant is UMass-Amherst.
- F. On February 2, Associate Dean Beckman met with three members of the Committee on Graduate Student Tuition and Waivers, David Smith, Martin Sadd, and Brett Lucht, along with two members of the Council for Research, John King and John Farrell, to focus on issues regarding tuition support for graduate students on research grants. The goal was to come back with a proposal for next month's meeting of the Graduate Council.

Brett Lucht discussed his idea to lower the tuition cost for graduate students on research assistantships because they are basically paid by grants, which the committee hopes will be a revenue neutral plan for the university.

Brett suggested a plan be developed with a two tier tuition rate for graduate students. The standard rate would be charged for graduate students that are at Level I and Level II, but graduate students at Level III would be charged a lower tuition rate. Part of the justification for this is that graduate students who have passed their comps are no longer taking graduate courses but are enrolled only for research credits. The majority of Level III graduate students are all Ph.D. students who are funded by research grants or by TA's. Judy Beckman will look into the actual number of graduate students who are funded on grants for tuitions. Judy also reminded committee members to provide e-mail input, in order to draft the proposal.

Following a discussion, Associate Dean Beckman announced that she will meet with the group again to review the information and feedback received.

- G. Vice Provost Pasquerella discussed an issue that came up at this morning's Strategic Planning meeting. The Council of Deans has been asked to come together to do strategic planning for the President for the next 3 years. The Committee on Improving Efficiency and Effectiveness of Research and Outreach Support will look to ways to increase the size and competitiveness of the graduate programs and to develop a mechanism for funding plans to allow stipend levels to become more

competitive regionally and nationally. This will be done with appropriate consideration of collective bargaining issues.

#### ***IV. Announcements***

A. Associate Dean Judy Beckman announced the appointment of the following individuals to the Graduate Faculty:

Dr. Kristin Saltonstall – Natural Resource Science  
Dr. Robert Brumbaugh – Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Science  
Dr. Ruth Colwill - Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Science  
Dr. Jonathan Hare - Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Science  
Dr. Malia Schwartz - Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Science  
Dr. Tatiana Rynearson - Oceanography  
Dr. Katherine Kelley - Oceanography  
Dr. Rebecca Robinson - Oceanography  
Dr. Barbara O'Brien – Nursing  
Dr. Jennifer Jones – English  
Dr. Patrick Martin – Natural Resource Science  
Dr. Beth Marcoux – Physical Therapy  
Dr. Robin Katzanek – Physical Therapy

B. Associate Dean Beckman announced that a Graduate Faculty Orientation has been scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of Green Hall. The orientation will be an information session to review Graduate School processes and a panel discussion led by John Boulmetis, Lynn Pasquerella, and John Stevenson. All are encouraged to attend.

#### ***V. Committee Reports***

A. Curriculum Committee

i. New Business

##### STEM Programs (other than Psychology)

##### New Courses Approved:

EVS 610 Multidisciplinary Problem Solving in Coastal Ecosystems  
EVS 618 Internship in Coastal Management  
EVS 612 Leadership and Communication in Coastal Ecosystem Science & Management  
EVS 612X Leadership and Communication in Coastal Ecosystem Science & Management  
EVS 614 White Papers in Integrated Coastal Science  
EVS 614X White Papers in Integrated Coastal Science  
EVS 616 Field Practicum in Coastal Science  
GEO 555 Reconstructing Terrestrial Paleoenvironments

##### Deletions:

GEO 554 Sedimentary Petrology

##### Changes Approved:

GEO 590E Coastal Sedimentation Research – change in number  
GEO 590I Glacial Sedimentation Research – change in number

GEO 590K Vertebrate Paleontology – change in number  
GEO 590L Quaternary Paleoclimates – change in number  
GEO 590M Analytical Geochemistry – change in number  
GEO 591A Readings in Sedimentation – change in number  
GEO 591B Graduate Seminar – change in number  
GEO 591C Readings in Petrology – change in number  
GEO 591J Readings in Hydrogeology – change in number  
GEO 591K Readings in Paleontology  
AVS 412 Animal Nutrition – change in prerequisite  
AVS 420 Animal Breeding and Genetics – change in prerequisite  
AVS 472 Physiology of Reproduction – change in prerequisite  
NFS 431 Biochemistry of Food – change in title, description and prerequisite  
NFS 444 Nutrition and Disease – change in prerequisite  
NFS 551 Topics in Human Nutrition I – change in title  
NFS 552 Topics in Human Nutrition II – change in title

Items Tabled:

Deletions:

NRS 430 Forest Resource Management – Pending receipt of proper form  
NRS 440 Ecosystem Processes in Land and Water Management - Deletion Pending receipt of proper form  
NRS 451 Soil and Water Conservation Technology - Pending receipt of proper form  
NRS 582 Seminar in Soil Ecology and Biochemistry - Pending receipt of proper form

Change:

Change in catalog description for non-thesis Biological Sciences MS degree – Pending sentence reconstruction on second page relating to teachers only.

Non STEM Programs and Psychology

Changes Approved:

LSC 515 Information Ethics (Item IV) – change in title and description  
JOR 430 Advanced Television News – change in prerequisite  
ITL 455 Selected Italian Authors – change in description  
FIN 697 Doctoral Research Seminar – change in number and description  
MGT 626 Organizational Behavior – change in number  
MGT 697 Doctoral Research Seminar – change in number and description  
MIS 697 Doctoral Research Seminar – change in number  
MSI 697 Doctoral Research Seminar – change in number and description  
MKT 695 Seminar in Marketing – change in number  
MKT 697 Doctoral Research Seminar – change in number and description  
BUS 685 Knowledge Systems in Managerial Disciplines – change in number  
ACC 518 Current Accounting Theory – change in number  
ACC 519 Current Accounting Theory – change in number  
ACC 544 Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders – change in number and prerequisite  
ACC 581 Financial Statement Analysis and Reporting - change in number  
ACC 535 Advanced Problems in Accounting - change in number and prerequisite  
ACC 542 Seminar in Tax Research, Policy, and Planning - change in number and prerequisite

ACC 532 International Accounting - change in number  
 ACC 562 Advanced Auditing - change in number and prerequisite  
 ACC 545 Taxation of Flow Through Entities - change in number and prerequisite  
 ACC 541 Federal Taxes and Business Decisions - change in number  
 MBA 500 Statistical Methods for Management – change in description and prerequisite  
 BAC 500 Computing for Management – change in number  
 MBA 503 Financial Accounting – change in prerequisite  
 MBA 504 Financial Management – change in prerequisite  
 MBA 505 Managerial Marketing – change in prerequisite  
 BAC 506 Mathematical Methods for Management – change in number and prerequisite  
 MBA 510 Managerial Accounting – change in prerequisite  
 MBA 520 Quantitative Methods for Management – change in prerequisite  
 MBA 550 Managing with Information Resources – change in prerequisite  
 MBA 570 Managerial Economics – change in number  
 MBA 560 Operations and Supply Chain Management– change in prerequisite  
 MBA 590 MBA 565 Strategic Management – change in description  
 FIN 622 Security and Investment Analysis – change in number  
 FIN 625 Advanced Portfolio Theory and Security Analysis – change in number  
 FIN 641 Advanced Financial Theory – change in number  
 FIN 652 Advanced International Financial Management – change in number  
 MGT 500 Labor Relations and Human Resources – change in number  
 MGT 627 Advanced Organizational Theory and Behavior – change in number  
 MGT 635 Consulting and Management Practice – change in number  
 MGT 638 Seminar in Management – change in number  
 MGT 639 Advanced Topics in Management – change in number  
 MGT 640 Compensation Administration – change in number  
 MGT 641 Human Resource Development – change in number  
 MGT 655 International Business Management – change in number  
 MIS 630 Management Systems Analysis and Design – change in number  
 MIS 635 Database Management Systems – change in number and prerequisite  
 MSI 675 Applied Time Series Methods and Business Forecasting – change in number  
 MSI 695 Seminar in Operations and Supply Chain Management – change in number, description and prerequisite  
 MKT 611 Buyer Behavior – change in number  
 MKT 615 Marketing Research – change in number and prerequisite  
 MKT 651 International Marketing Management – change in number  
 MKT 661 Product Management – change in number  
 MKT 691, 692 Directed Study in Marketing – change in number and title

Deletions:

LSC 513 Intellectual Freedom and Censorship  
 FIN 699 Doctoral Research Seminar  
 INS 699 Doctoral Research Seminar  
 MSI 699 Doctoral Research Seminar  
 MIS 699 Doctoral Research Seminar  
 MKT 699 Doctoral Research Seminar

MGT 699 Doctoral Research Seminar  
ACC 531 Advanced Accounting  
ACC 543 Federal Taxation Seminar  
ACC 561 Seminar in Auditing  
FIN 633 Depository Institutions and Financial Management  
MGT 551 Human Resource Strategy  
FIN 671 Seminar in Finance  
MIS 695 Seminar in Management Information Systems  
MGT 657 International Comparative Management and Culture  
MSI 601 Business Research Methods: Linear Models  
MGT 691, 692 Directed Study in Management  
MSI 691, 692 Directed Study in Management Science  
MIS 691, 692 Directed Study in Management Information Systems  
FIN 691, 692 Directed Study in Finance  
INS 692 Directed Study in Insurance

Items Tabled:

PSY 696 Practicum: Teaching Psychology – This course proposal is being considered by the Curriculum sub-committee. Psychology Chair John Stevenson will be invited to the next meeting for discussion.

EVS 533 Graduate Writing in Life Sciences – change in course code – Pending receipt of documentation from Dean of CELS

WMS 410 Portfolio – change in course to allow graduate students to take it

***VI. Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.