

University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 414, November 17, 2006
MINUTES

Council Members Present: *Cristin Ashmankas, Katie Branch, Herb Carson for Gale Eaton, Jean Miller, Chong Lee, Kevin McClure, Martin Sadd, Henry Schwarzbach, Sarina Wyant*

Others Present: *Associate Dean Judy Beckman, Associate Dean Harold Bibb, Ms. Alison vanWyck*

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 413 were approved.

III. Announcements

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

Dr. Jacqueline Webb – Biological Sciences
Dr. Evan Preisser – Biological Sciences
Dr. George Lauder – Biological Sciences
Dr. Lynne Dunphy – Nursing
Dr. Anne Hume – Pharmacy
Dr. Tamar Lasky – Pharmacy

B. Dean Beckman reported on the following graduate student recruiting activities:

1. Dean Beckman and Dr. Padma Venkatraman, the Coordinator for Diversity Affairs for the Graduate School, attended the 2006 SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans) National Conference in Tampa, Florida from October 26-29, 2006.
2. Dean Bibb and Dr. Venkatraman attended the 13th annual meeting of the Compact for Faculty Diversity in Miami, Florida from October 25-27, 2006.
3. Dr. Venkatraman attended the annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in Anaheim, California from November 8-11, 2006.

- C. Appointments to the Graduate Council sub-committees were reviewed and approved. Prof. Daniel Sheinin was moved from the Graduate Council Curriculum Panel for STEM disciplines to the Non-STEM curriculum panel.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

i. New Business

STEM Programs (other than Psychology) – Presented by Dr. Martin Sadd

New Courses Approved:

PHP 565X Systemic Literature Review and Meta-Analysis

PHY 430X Modern Biological Physics

Changes Approved:

BCH/PLS 452 Advanced Topics in Genetics – change in course number

EVS 612 Leadership and Communication in Coastal Ecosystem Science & Management – change in credits

New course requirements and course updates for the Pharm.D./MBA Program

i. Non-STEM Program (including Psychology)

New Courses Approved:

SPA 471 Topics in Latin American Literature and Culture

SPA 472 Topics in Hispanic Literature

SPA 473 Topics in Spanish Literature and Culture

Deletion:

SPA 470 Topics in Hispanic Literature

Changes:

HDF 432 Perspectives on Parenting – change in prerequisite

HDF 400 Child Development: Advanced Course – change in prerequisite

B. New Program Committee

New Programs Approved:

Dual Degree Doctoral Program between the University of Rhode Island and the University of Braunschweig (Approved with one nay)

Post Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.