

University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 415, December 15, 2006
MINUTES

Council Members Present: *Stephen Barber, Katie Branch, Steven Carey, Gale Eaton, Chong Lee, Kevin McClure, Jean Miller, Thomas Needham, Henry Schwarzbach, Daniel Sheinin, Sarina Wyant*

Others Present: *Associate Dean Harold Bibb, Ms. Ruth Gormly*

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 414 were approved.

III. Announcements

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

Dr. William H. Krieger - Philosophy

B. Dr. Peter Alfonso has been appointed Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, Research and Outreach and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Rhode Island effective March 1, 2007. Dr. Alfonso comes to URI from the University of North Dakota where he has served as Vice President for Research. While at North Dakota Dr. Alfonso centralized research administration, established the North Dakota Research Foundation and spearheaded the initiative for the Research Enterprise and Commercialization Park. Dr. Alfonso also will serve as Professor of Communicative Disorders in the College of Human Science and Services.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

i. New Business

STEM Programs (other than Psychology) – Presented by Dr. Daniel Sheinin

Changes Approved:

OCG669 Marine Fish Ecology – method of instruction

New Courses Approved:

BIO412X/512X Evolution and Diversity of Fishes

BIO480X/580X Community Ecology

Tabled:

BIO 506 Practicum in College Science (Biology) Teaching

ii. Non-STEM Program (including Psychology) – Presented by Dr. Kevin McClure

New Course Approved:

NUR 549 Evidence-Based Strategies in Healthcare Program Evaluation

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.