

University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 420, September 17, 2007
MINUTES

Council Members Present: *Gale Eaton, Laura Gostin, Lillie Langlois, Chong Lee, Wayne Lee, Kevin McClure, Jean Miller, William Rosen, Elizabeth Smith, Gary Stoner, Cynthia Willey Temkin*

Others Present: *Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella, Associate Dean Harold Bibb, Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck, Ms. Ruth Gormly*

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 419 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Associate Dean Harold Bibb welcomed and introduced new members of the Graduate Council. He also announced that Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella was returning as the Dean of the Graduate School and that Keith Killingbeck was named Associate Dean of the Graduate School.

B. New staff members at the Graduate School are:

1. Megan Verry – Graduate Admissions
2. Eric Benevides – Information Technologist
3. Judith Minta – Thesis/Dissertation formatter

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

Dr. Suellen Adams – Library & Information Studies
Dr. Matthew Lauer – Sociology and Anthropology
Dr. Bridget Buxton – History
Dr. Kathleen Donohue – Oceanography
Dr. Andrea Eastwood Paiva – Psychology
Research Asst. Prof. Emi Uchida – Environmental and Natural Resource Econ.
Research Asst. Prof. Hirotugu Uchida – Environ. and Natural Resource Econ.
Adjunct Prof. William Koehler - Business
Adjunct Prof. Padma Venkatraman – Oceanography
Adjunct Asst. Prof. Yvonne Masakowski – Psychology
Adjunct Asst. Prof. Barbara Silver - Psychology
Adjunct Asst. Prof. Nancy Haley – Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences
Adjunct Prof. Michael Morin - Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences
Adjunct Asst. Prof. Peter Smith - Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences
Adjunct Asst. Prof. Numi Mitchell – Natural Resources Science
Adjunct Asst. Prof. Mark Eldridge – Natural Resources Science

IV. Vice Provost Discussion Items

A. Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella welcomed all new members to the Graduate Council.

B. The Diversity Recruitment Workshop met on Friday, September 14. The workshop was sponsored by EPSCOR and the Graduate School. The Diversity Recruitment Committee is looking to develop an online discussion group to enhance graduate education through online courses and would like to identify faculty mentors at URI.

C. Vice Provost Pasquerella and Associate Deans Bibb and Killingbeck will attend the Annual Meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools. The meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington from December 5-8, 2007.

D. Vice Provost Pasquerella reported that a request had been received from a student for a dissertation not to be circulated for security reasons. The Policy and Procedures Committee will need to review whether or not students should be allowed to write dissertations on subjects that cannot be published.

V. *New Business*

A. The following dates were approved for Graduate Council 2007-2008 meetings:

Monday, October 15, 2007
Monday, November 19, 2007
Monday, December 17, 2007
Friday, February 1, 2008
Friday, February 29, 2008
Friday, March 28, 2008
Friday, April 18, 2008

B. Associate Dean Harold Bibb noted there were certain inconsistencies regarding Graduate Faculty status in University Manual Section 4.70.10 The Graduate Faculty. The Policy and Procedures Committee will meet to review the section and the requirements for Graduate Faculty status.

C. The following members of the Graduate Council will serve as the Nominating Committee: Gale Eaton, Stephen Barber, Kevin McClure and Laura Gostin. The committee will meet on Monday, September 24, to finalize the selection of members of the Sub-Committees of the Graduate Council. The Sub-Committee list will be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

D. Vice Provost Pasquerella reminded the Graduate Council members that the site visit team would be here from October 21-24. The Graduate School has a goal set by the President to increase student enrollment by 100. Some of the issues to meet the goal include graduate student recruitment, funding resources, student retention, and diversity.

VI. *Adjournment*

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.