

University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 422, November 19, 2007
MINUTES

Council Members Present: *Stephen Barber, Herb Carson, Brian Gallagher, Chong Lee, Wayne Lee, Beth Marcoux, Jean Miller, Kevin McClure, Henry Schwarzbach, David Smith, Gary Stoner*

Others Present: *Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella, Associate Dean Harold Bibb, Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck*

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 421 were approved as amended.

III. Announcements

- A. Associate Dean Harold Bibb announced the appointment of the following individuals to Graduate Faculty:
- Asst. Prof. Cindy Blanthorne – Business
 - Asst. Prof. James Kroes – Business
 - Asst. Prof. Kathryn Jervis – Business
 - Asst. Prof. Laurie Harper – Human Development
 - Asst. Prof. Sue Adams-Labonte – Human Development
 - Adjunct Assoc. Prof. Curtis Daehler – Natural Resources Science
 - Adjunct Asst. Prof. Leonard Moise – Cell & Molecular Biology
 - Adjunct Prof. Anne DeGroot – Cell & Molecular Biology
 - Dr. Cynthia Brittain – Lecturer – Chemistry
 - Dr. Susan Geldart – Lecturer – Chemistry
- B. Prof. Stephen Barber has agreed to serve on the URI Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee.

IV. Vice Provost Discussion Items

- A. Review of NEASC Visit
The exit interview with the NEASC Site Visit Team focused on assessment issues in every part of the University community at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and indicated that the inclusion of assessment measures should be reflected in the University budget. While allowing that the University must pay attention to assessment, it was suggested that the NEASC assessment group may have been particularly stringent in their review of the current state of the University on this issue.
- B. Vice Provost Pasquerella requested that the Policies and Procedures Committee take up the issue of full-time status for terminal semester students who are being supported by way of assistantships. Students who are not being supported by assistantships but who are in their final semester of graduate programs, and those who are on internships that are required for their graduate degrees, currently are viewed as full-time even though they may be registered for fewer than the full-time number of credits. However, under current

rules, those who are supported by teaching or research assistantships still must register for 6 or more credits to be eligible for the assistantship, and therefore eligible for the health insurance provided by the assistantship. A review of this regulation is requested with a view toward devising a policy/regulation that would permit terminal semester students to be appointed to assistantships while registered for fewer than the full-time number of credits and thus be eligible for the payment of health insurance fees by the assistantship.

V. *Committee Reports*

A. The October 24, 2007 memo request from Sheila Black Grubman, Coordinator, Faculty Senate, to remove from the catalog, courses not taught within the last four years, was approved with no changes to the list appended to the memo.

B. Curriculum Committee

1. New Business

STEM Programs (other than Psychology)

New Courses Approved:

CHE550 Bionanotechnology

BIO/GEO 472 Advanced Evolutionary Biology

NFS 528 Lipoprotein Metabolism in Health and Disease

OCG 569 Oceanographic Processes

Changes Approved:

ELE 482 Biomedical Engineering Seminar III – change in course number

BIO 567 Natural Selection – change in course number and prerequisite

CHM 511 Advanced Analytical Chemistry I – change in catalog description

Department Name Change to Department of Landscape Architecture from Department of Community Planning and Landscape Architecture

Tabled:

CHE 564 Reaction Engineering – tabled for expanded syllabus

OCE 560 Intro to Data Collection Systems – tabled for full course proposal

OCE 565 Ocean Laboratory I – tabled for full course proposal

Deletions:

CPL 512 Development of Human Settlements

CPL 540 Community-Based Housing

CPL 542 Housing and Community Development

CPL 543 Methods of Social Policy Analysis

CPL 554 Community Development Funding and Subsidies

CPL 555 Introduction to Economic Development Planning

CPL 589 Master's Project Research

CPL 593-596 Special Problems in Planning

CPL 599 Master's Thesis Research

CPL 624 Planning Policy and Management in Urban Areas

CPL 625 Central City Revitalization and Implementation

CPL 631 Community Planning Studio

CPL 691 Special Problems in Planning

Non-STEM Programs (plus Psychology)

Changes Approved:

EDC 430 Methods and Materials in Secondary Education – change in prerequisite and catalog description

EDC 478 Problems in Education – change to permanent topic within an open-ended course

EDC 479 Problems in Education - change to permanent topic within an open-ended course

EDC 586 Problems in Education - change to permanent topic within an open-ended course

EDC 920 Workshop for Teachers - change to permanent topic within an open-ended course

Human Development and Family Studies -

Eliminate the word “education” from the following sentence of the catalog: “In addition, students will select a minimum of 9 credits in a specialization, such as child development, early childhood *education*”.

New Courses Approved:

EDC 509 Thinking Math I

EDC 510 Beginning Reading Instruction

EDC 511 Reading Comprehension Instruction

Tabled:

TMD 432 Fashion Retail Supply Chain Management – Business School being consulted as to appreciable overlap

VI. *Adjournment*

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.