

University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 431, November 24, 2008
MINUTES

Council Members Present: *Brian Gallagher, Chong Lee, William Rosen, Gary Stoner, Beth Marcoux, Kevin McClure, Donna Schwartz-Barcott, Lori Ciccomascolo, Davida Robinson, Kristen Butterfield*

Others Present: *Associate Dean Harold Bibb, Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck, Ms. Megan Verry*

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 430 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Recent Appointments to the Graduate Faculty

Annemarie Vaccaro, Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Services- College Student Personnel

Lucie Maranda, Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Oceanography

Sergie Frolov, Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Oceanography

Giancarlo Cicchetti, Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Oceanography

Yuziro Shimizu, Prof. Emeritus, Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Karen de Bruin, Assistant Professor, Department of Modern Languages

Cornelis de Groot, Associate Professor, School of Education

Michael Rubino, Adjunct Professor, Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

Arch Woodside, Adjunct Professor, Department of Business Administration

Kathleen Davis, Assistant Professor, Department of English

B. Associate Dean Harold Bibb announced that Dr. Jennifer Jones will be on family leave for part of the Spring 2009 semester and during that time will be replaced in the Graduate Council by Dr. Kathleen Davis of the Department of English. He also welcomed Dr. Donna Schwartz-Barcott from the Department of Nursing who attended the meeting in place of Mary Sullivan, and Ms. Kristen Butterfield who was attending her first meeting of the council.

IV. New Business

A. Associate Dean Harold Bibb brought forth the draft of a memo from the Graduate Council to the presidential search committee for approval by Council. In light of the final profile for the President's position being circulated by the search committee hours before the Graduate Council meeting, Associate Dean Bibb proposed that a slight revision to the opening paragraph in the memo should be included. Associate Dean Bibb noted that while the profile has slightly improved the visibility and importance of graduate education, it is still very important that the points and characteristics mentioned in the memo be emphasized to the search committee as well as prospective candidates. Council

moved to approve the draft of the memo. A motion was then made and approved to make a slight revision to the opening of the memo to address the recently distributed profile.

- B. Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck reported to the Council on the work being done by the Graduate Manual Revision Committee (GMRC) regarding thesis/dissertation proposals. The five to six pages stipulated in the current version of the manual are often not adequate for students to present their proposals and so this limit is often ignored by students and their committees. He distributed to Council a possible revision to the Graduate Manual as proposed by the GMRC for Council to review. The new guidelines state that the proposal itself should be no more than 15 pages not including appendices and references. This should help students to learn how to write a clear, concise and precise proposal. He also asked for ideas about how to solicit input on this topic from departments. As in the GMRC meetings, there was much discussion within the Council about the proposed limit as well. Several members wondered if there should be more differentiation between thesis and dissertation guidelines as the work required for both is vastly different. Another concern raised was when the dissertation proposals should be submitted. Council members agreed that in both cases proposals should be approved before substantial research is done. Council decided to send drafts of the proposed changes to Graduate Directors and to ask them to discuss the issue with their Chairs and other members of their departments so they can represent their department's views at an upcoming Council meeting. Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck will send the proposed policy changes related to thesis/dissertation proposals to all Graduate Directors.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum Committee

Changes Approved:

OCE421 Marine Structure Design – change in prerequisite

OCE472 Sonar Systems Design – change in course number to OCE574, and a change in prerequisite

COM450 Organizational Theory – change in title (to read Organizational Communication Theory)

PHT500 Human Anatomy and Histology – change in credits

PHT501 Applied Human Anatomy Laboratory – change in credits, change in description and prerequisite

PHT510 Biomechanics and Pathokinesiology – change in prerequisite

PHT511 Human Neuroscience and Neurology – change in prerequisite

PHT512 Physical Examination & Evaluation – change in title (to read Physical Examination and Evaluation I), credits, prerequisites, and description

PHT518 Communication Issues in Physical Therapy – change in title (to read Communication and Education in Physical Therapy), credits, prerequisites, and description

PHT520 Physiology & Pathophysiological Basis of PT – change in title (to read Medical Management of Disease I), credits, prerequisites, and description

PHT 532 Clinical Electrophysiology and Physical Agents – change in title (to read Physical Agents I), credits, and description

PHT538 Management/Administration – change prerequisite

PHT544 Women's Health in PT – change in title (to read Health Promotion in PT), credits and description

PHT560 Neuromuscular Therapeutics – change in prerequisite
PHT570 Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy – change in credit, and change in prerequisite
PHT575 Physical Therapy Internships I – change in credits
PHT580 Pediatric Physical Therapy – change in credits, prerequisites, and description
PHT585 Physical Therapy Internship II – change in credits
PHT595 Physical Therapy Internship III – change in credits
PHT610 Evidence-based Inquiry I – change in credits, and change in prerequisites
PHT615 Differential Diagnosis – delete course
PHT630 Evidence-based Inquiry II – change in credits, and change in prerequisites
PHT640 Evidence-based Inquiry III – change in credits, and change in prerequisites
PHT655 Diagnostic Imaging - change in credits, and change in prerequisites
PHT672 Pharmacology for Physical Therapists – change in credits, and change in prerequisites

Tabled:

CSC522/MIC522/STA522 Bioinformatics I (change in course code; supporting documentation requested)

New Courses Approved:

KIN401 Current Issues in Health Education
KIN414 Fundamentals of Strength and Conditioning
PHT505 Introduction to Physical Therapy
PHT521 Medical Management of Diseases II
PHT522 Physical Examination and Evaluation II
PHT533 Physical Agents II
PHT592 Comprehensive Cases in Physical Therapy
NRS511 Population and Environmental Change
NRS514 Climate Change Science and Policy
MCE580 Micro/Nanoscale Energy Transport

Courses Deleted:

PHT615 Differential Diagnosis

New Requirements Approved:

**A. College of the Human Science and Services – Department of Physical Therapy
Doctor of Physical Therapy degree**

New courses required:

PHT 505
PHT 521
PHT 522
PHT 533
PHT 592

Courses deleted and no longer required:

PHT 542

PHT 615

Courses previously optional, but now required:
PHT 576

VII. Old Business

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.