Academic Plan Task Force on Graduate Education

Minutes of the Third Meeting June 21, 2010

In Attendance: Nasser Zawia (Chair), Sandra Ketrow (A&S), Karen McCurdy (HSS), Candace Oviatt (GSO); Yegiao Wang (CELS), Keith Killingbeck (GS), Alycia Mosley-Austin (GS), Ruby Dholakia (BUS)

Absent: Cliff Katz (Provost), Ryan Trimm (A&S), Lori Ciccomascolo (HSS), John Merrill (GSO), Nancy Fey-Yensan (CELS), Sue Allen Adams (GSLIS)

The meeting began with introductions and the group was presented with the minutes from meeting 2. Discussion of steps and recommendations to achieve the final recommended goal ensued.

Increase the Graduate School’s support of interdisciplinary and experiential programs and research.
  a. Determine how many interdisciplinary programs exist at URI.
  b. Define interdisciplinary and group them
  c. Identify possible programs that are good candidates for interdisciplinary work such as Forensic science
  d. Do a SWAT analysis
  e. Provide some seed money and incubation potential
  f. Plan a retreat for interdisciplinary programs
  g. Have Deans ask their individual colleges for ideas for interdisciplinary degrees
  h. Create a mechanism for the graduate school to be the base for funded projects that link researchers across campus.
  i. Explore methods for faculty and students to be aware of the research and teaching occurring outside their discipline.