Academic Plan Task Force on Graduate Education
Minutes of the First Meeting May 4, 2010

In Attendance: Nasser Zawia (Chair), Lori Ciccomascolo (HSS), Sandra Ketrow (A&S), Karen McCurdy (HSS), Ryan Trimm (A&S), Cliff Katz (Provost), Candace Oviatt (GSO); Yegiao Wang (CELS), Keith Killingbeck (GS), Alycia Mosley-Austin (G5)

Absent: John Merrill (GSO), Ruby Dholakia (BUS), Nancy Fey-Yensan (CELS), Sue Allen Adams (GSLIS),

The meeting began with introductions and the group was presented with the minutes from meeting one. Discussion of steps and recommendations to achieve two of the goals ensued.

1. **Expand international/global programs.**
   - Connect with the Global Education Task Force to form joint strategies
   - List schools we have relationships with world-wide
   - Utilize faculty on their international travels
   - Learn from the successful IEP (International Engineering Program) and expand it
   - Couple undergrad global education with grad education with institutions we already have a relationship with
   - Form a solid relationships with one institution per country

2. **Increase the diversity of students and faculty.**
   - Examine data and develop surveys to determine how students find information about graduate schools
   - Know the views of our current populations through the surveys such as SED (Survey of Earned Doctorates)
   - Work on marketing the Graduate School
   - Subscribe to services that advertise graduate programs
   - Learn from the College of Engineering how they recruit students
   - Start a Facebook link
   - Encourage Colleges to designate a small percentage (~5-10%) of their TAs to domestic students
   - Encourage faculty to write GRAs into their grants
   - Find funds to support the travel of highly qualified applicants to URI with the intention of recruiting them into one of our graduate programs
   - Write grants to obtain fellowship support