University of Rhode Island  
The Graduate School  
Graduate Council Meeting No. 426, March 29, 2008  
MINUTES

Council Members Present: Stephen Barber, Gale Eaton, Brian Gallagher, Laura Gostin, Chong Lee, Jean Miller, William Rosen, Henry Schwarzbach, Liz Smith, Gary Stoner,

Others Present: Associate Dean Harold Bibb, Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck, Ms. Ruth Gormly, Lori Ciccomascolo

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 425 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Associate Dean Harold Bibb announced the appointment of the following individuals to Graduate Faculty since the February 29, 2008 Graduate Council meeting:
   
   Dr. Robin Miller – Nursing  
   Dr. Lena Martensson – Nursing  
   Dr. Michele Jara – Pharmacy  
   Dr. Julio Coiro - Education

B. Associate Dean Harold Bibb announced that Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella has accepted a position as Provost at the University of Hartford.

C. Associate Dean Harold Bibb announced that a new email process has been developed to send out Graduate Admissions acceptance or rejection letters. Once a recommendation has been received from the department, there is a 2-3 day timeframe at the Graduate School for the hard copy to be sent out. Eric Benevides has developed a system to send out an email copy of the acceptance or rejection letter almost instantaneously. This is particularly important for international students because of the time required to process visa applications.

D. Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck introduced Lori Ciccomascolo of Kinesiology who is working with Dean Killingbeck on leadership skills as part of an 18-month leadership mentoring program initiated by the College of Human Science and Services.

V. Committee Reports

A. New Program Committee  
Associate Dean Harold Bibb discussed the proposal received from Ocean Engineering for a new degree entitled “Ocean Engineering Professional Practice Degree”. The proposed program is an accelerated BS and MS degree and would require no new resources. The proposal was approved.
B. Graduate Manual Revision Committee
Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck reported that the Graduate Manual Revision Committee is making excellent progress. The Committee anticipates completing the entire revision during the Fall semester of 2008.

C. Curriculum Committee
1. New Business
   New Courses Approved:
   NRS 445/545 Invasive Species Research, Management and Policy

   Changes Approved:
   ELE 401 Lasers, Optical Fibers, and Communication Systems – change in credits, method of instruction, and prerequisite
   ELE 405 Digital Computer Design - change in credits, method of instruction, and prerequisite
   ELE 408 Computer Organization Laboratory - change in credits, method of instruction, and prerequisite
   ELE 427 Electromechanical Systems Laboratory - change in credits, method of instruction, and prerequisite
   ELE 436 Communication Systems - change in credits, method of instruction, and prerequisite
   ELE 444 Advanced Electronic Design - change in credits, method of instruction, and prerequisite
   ELE 447 Digital Integrated Circuit Design I - change in credits, method of instruction, and prerequisite
   ELE 458 Digital Controls Laboratory - change in credits, method of instruction, and prerequisite
   EDC 424 Teaching Literacy in the Elementary School – change in title, prerequisite and catalog description
   EDC 425 Using Trade Books in the Reading and Writing Program – change in course number, title, prerequisite, and catalog description
   EDC 478, 479 Problems in Education – change in catalog description
   PSY 615 Collaborative Research – change in credits and catalog description
   BIO 593E Special Topics in Biological Sciences – delete as core requirement
   BCH 521 Physical Biochemistry – add as core requirement
   BCH/BIO 453 Cell Biology – add as core requirement
   Biochemistry track – add choice of BCH/BIO 453 Cell Biology or MIC/BCH 552 Bacterial Genetics as requirement

   Tabled until discussions with Professors Green and Atash can be arranged:
   CPL 410 Fundamentals of Community Planning Practice – change in title and catalog description
   CPL 511 Planning and Environmental Systems – change in course number and title
   CPL 530 Urban Design and Public Policy – change in course number, title, and catalog description
   CPL 538 Site Planning – change in catalog description
CPL 545 Land Development Seminar – change in course number, title, prerequisite, and catalog description
GEG511 Geography for Life: Educational Strategies – change in title and catalog description

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.