University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 435, 30 March 2009
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Council Members Present:  Kevin McClure, Lori Ciccomascolo,  Steven Carey, Matt Freeman, Kathleen Davis, William Rosen, Wayne Lee, Cynthia Willey-Temkin, Brian Gallagher, Beth Marcoux, Mary Sullivan, Gary Stoner

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 434 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Recent Appointments to the Graduate Faculty
   Wendy Plante, Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology
   Glenisson de Oliveira, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Geosciences
   Jason Link, Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Oceanography

B. Associate Deans Bibb and Killingbeck updated Council members on the last Graduate Council meeting which is to take place on 20 April 2009. The meeting will be held in Carlotti Hall room 208. The Graduate Council meeting will take place at 2PM and will extend to 3:30PM, at which time graduate directors, department chairs and other invited guests will join us for a presentation to be given by Kathy Pruner of the Education Testing Services (ETS). Associate Dean Killingbeck also noted that following the ETS presentation, there will be a question and answer period for any questions pertaining to either the ETS presentation or anything regarding the Graduate School.

C. Associate Dean Killingbeck also informed Council members that 7 April 2009 will be the last day to submit graduate course proposals for the 2008-2009 year. This deadline will allow Associate Dean Killingbeck time to put together the proposals and send them out to curriculum committee members for review before their meeting.

D. Associate Dean Bibb informed council of a presentation taking place at 3PM on 31 March 2009 in room 360 of the Memorial Union. The speaker will be Leslie Dolosoto of the Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers. She will be speaking to students about opportunities for graduate education, especially minority and first generation students interested in the Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences. The IRT program prepares 30 highly selected students annually for graduate studies.

IV. New Business

A. Associate Dean Killingbeck announced the call for nominations for the URI Graduate School Dissertation Awards. Two awards are available one for STEM, and one for non-STEM students. Each recipient also receives a monetary award. This year there was
$1000 available for each category. Due to the time delays associated with the previous year’s awards, the Associate Deans are working with the Provost’s office to have those funds become part of the Graduate School budget to help expedite the process.

V. Committee Reports

A. New Programs Committee

Council Member Kevin McClure reported on the five proposed bachelor’s/ master’s accelerated degree programs in Engineering. The five programs are Chemical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Systems Engineering, Electrical, Computer or Biomedical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Students can apply to these programs in their junior year and start coursework in their senior year. Key pieces of these new programs are that there are no new requirements, coursework or department resources for any of the programs. It’s the standard program in an accelerated fashion. They include two required summer semesters of study. Council voted to approve all five new programs.

B. Curriculum Committee

Changes Approved:
OCE408 Intro to Eng. Wave Mechanics & Littoral Processes – change in course number, credits and catalog description.
ASF486 Fish Physiology – change in title, pre-requisites and catalog description
EEC595 Environment and Development Economics- change in course title, prerequisites and catalog description

New Courses Approved:
NFS440 Macronutrient Metabolism
PSY425 Peace Psychology
BIO480/580 Community Ecology
BIO412-512 Evolution and Diversity of Fishes
AVS505 Advances in Animal Science

Approved Changes in Degree Requirements:
EEC527 Macroeconomic Theory – eliminate as a requirement for the PHD program
Clinical Laboratory Science Program changes:
Medical Laboratory Sciences - Revised specialization consisting of previously listed specializations of Clinical Chemistry, Clinical Microbiology, and Hematology/Immunohematology
Public Health Laboratory Sciences – new specialization
Program Requirements- various requirements listed in proposal

Tabled:
BPS405 Physical Pharmacy - pending a favorable library impact statement or amendment to the required resources in the course proposal.
BPS442 Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacogenomics - pending a favorable library impact statement or amendment to the required resources in the course proposal.
BPS443 Formulation and Manufacturing Laboratory - pending a favorable library impact statement or amendment to the required resources in the course proposal.
BPS451 Techniques in Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Biology - pending a favorable library impact statement or amendment to the required resources in the course proposal.
BPS503 Pharmacokinetics & Pharmacodynamics for Scientists - pending a favorable library impact statement or amendment to the required resources in the course proposal.

C. Scholarship/Fellowship Committee

Associate Dean Harold Bibb expects to have announcements of those who will be offered the Scholarship/Fellowships on Wednesday, 1 April 2009. Departments will be notified of those who are being offered awards. If a student chooses to decline the award, it will be offered to the next person on the alternates list. Dean Bibb also extended his thanks to those who served on the committee.

VI. Old Business

A. Council member Brian Gallagher noted that all graduate students have been eligible for 4-month loans of Library resources since last fall.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.