University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 436, 20 April 2009
MINUTES

Council Members Present: Kevin McClure, Lori Ciccomascolo, Steven Carey, Kathleen Davis, Wayne Lee, Cynthia Willey-Temkin, Brian Gallagher, Mary Sullivan, Gary Stoner, Chong Lee

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

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

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 434 will be available for the next Council meeting.

III. Announcements

A. Associate Dean Bibb gave a warm welcome to Professor Nasser Zawia who has been named the Interim Dean of the Graduate School effective 26 May 2009. Dr. Zawia said a few words to about his plans for a smooth transition and his hopes to make the most effective changes within the Graduate School to enhance graduate education at the University.

B. On behalf of the Graduate School and the Graduate Council Associate Dean Bibb extended sincere and heartfelt condolences to Ms. Megan Verry on the recent death of her father.

C. Associate Dean Bibb thanked the entire Council for incredible efforts this year. He also thanks specifically those members who are rotating off the Council this year. Those members are Steve Carey, Kathleen Davis, Chong Lee, Kevin McClure, Matthew Freeman, Henry Schwarzbach, and Mary Sullivan.

D. Associate Dean Killingbeck spoke briefly about the presentation by Kathy Pruner of ETS, to be held directly after the Council meeting today regarding the TOEFL and GRE tests. She will be highlighting new features and items that may benefit the University.

IV. Committee Reports

A. New Programs Committee

There is a proposal for a merger and a new joint program between two of the Engineering programs. The College of Engineering sent the proposal too late to be reviewed and voted on for this meeting. Associate Dean Bibb would like to meet with the New Program Committee during the coming week to review that proposal so it can be voted on at the first Council meeting on the 2009-2010 year.

B. Curriculum Committee
Changes Approved:
EDC 452 Evaluation of Elementary and Middle School Student – change in course credits from 3 to 2.
TMD 402 Seminar in Textiles and Clothing – change in prerequisite to TM or TMD majors with junior or senior standing, or permission of instructor.
MTH 445 Introduction to Chaotic Dynamical Systems – a change in prerequisite to MTH 142, MTH 215 and junior standing and a change in the course number to MTH 455.
MTH 471 Introduction to Numerical Analysis – change in course title, prerequisites, and catalog description.
MTH 472 Numerical Linear Algebra – change in course title, prerequisites, and catalog description.
SOC 420 Family Violence – change in prerequisite to SOC 301
SOC (PSC) 476 Policy Issues in Criminal Justice – change in prerequisite to SOC/PSC 274 and SOC 301, or permission of instructor.
MUS 421 Aesthetics of Electro-acoustic Music Composition – change in course title and catalog description.
HIS 506 Seminar in European History – change in catalog description
HIS 507 Seminal in United States History – change in catalog description
HIS 508 Seminar in Asian or Latin American History – change in catalog description
EDC 516 Teaching English as a Second Language – change in title and catalog description.
MTH 515, 516 Algebra I, II – change in prerequisite to MTH 316 for 515; change in prerequisite to MTH 515 for 516.
MTH 525 Topology – Change in prerequisite to MTH 435.
MTH 535, 536 Measure Theory and Integration I, II – change in prerequisite to MTH 435 for 535; change in prerequisite to MTH 535 for 536.
MTH 545, 546 Ordinary Differential Equations I, II – change in prerequisite to MTH 435 for 545; change in prerequisite for MTH 545 for 546.
MTH 550 Probability and Stochastic Processes – change in prerequisite to MTH 435 or 437; and 451.
MTH 551 Mathematical Statistics – change in prerequisite to MTH 550
MTH 561 Numerical Analysis – delete course
MTH 562 Complex Function Theory – change in prerequisite to MTH 435 and 436; or 437 and 438
MTH 572 Numerical Partial Differential Equations – change in course title and catalog description
MTH 629, 630 Functional Analysis I, II – change in prerequisite to MTH 536 for 629; change in prerequisite to MTH 629 for 630.
MTH 547 / CSC 547 Combinatorics – change in course title, prerequisite and catalog description
MTH 548 / CSC 548 Graph Theory – change in course title, prerequisite and catalog description
EDC 523 Web Site Technology in Education and Training – change in course number from EDC 523 to EDC 525
EDC 584 The Adult and the Learning Process – change in prerequisite to permission of instructor
EDP 623 Research Design – change in course number, title, prerequisites and catalog description
EDC 596 Organizational Development in Human Services and Education – delete course
EDC 586 Problems in Education – add permanent topics
PHT 522 Physical Examination and Evaluation II – change in credits from 3 to 4 and change in catalog description.
PHT 512 Physical Examination and Evaluation I – change in credits from 4 to 3 and change in catalog description
NUR 535 Advanced Pathophysiology – cross list as PHT 535 and include a new prerequisite with PHT 535 of PHT 500 and 1st year standing in the DPT program.
NUR 503 Advanced Adult Physical Assessment – change in course title prerequisite and catalog description
NUR 504 Advanced Pediatric Physical Assessment – change in course title, prerequisite and catalog description.

New Courses Approved:
BPS 405 Physical Pharmacy – for no graduate credit.
BPS 442 Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacogenomics
BPS 443 Formulation and Manufacturing Laboratory
BPS 451 Techniques in Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Biology
BPS 503 Pharmacokinetics & Pharmacodynamics for Scientists
MTH 571 Numerical Analysis
MTH 542, 543 Global Character of Difference Equations I, II
STA 545 Bayesian Statistics
WRT 599 Masters Thesis Research in Rhetoric
WRT 699 Doctoral Dissertation Research in Rhetoric
PHY 540 Modern Biological Physics
EDP 612 Qualitative Research Methods in Education
HSC 500X Interdisciplinary Research in Health Sciences
HSC 515X Interdisciplinary Research in Nutrition
PHP 575X Medication Adherence and Health Outcomes
PHT 519 Pathophysiology in PT

Approved Changes in Degree Requirements:
School of Education – a change in the admissions requirement for the Secondary Education and Music Education programs a GPA of 2.50 in the Arts and Science major or specialization.
School of Education – change in admissions to include a score of 1000 on the GRE.
Master of Music curricular change – nine credits of elective in music history, music theory, or applied areas other than in the student’s music performance option.
Master of Music curricular change – removed MUS 540 and 545 as requirements and replaced with “six credits in graduate music education courses
Master of Music curricular change – removed “form and analysis,” “EDC 312,” and “includes student teaching seminar.” MUS 341 added as well as a paragraph describing the application process to the Office of Teacher Education, and the requirements that must be met before EDC student teaching.
V. New Business

A. Lori Ciccomascolo brought the Council up to date on the development and implementation of an assessment process for graduate programs. The process is envisioned to include a program profile assessment and an outcomes based assessment. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to facilitate improvement in our graduate programs and to allow departments and programs to showcase their successes in graduate education. A new Graduate Program Assessment Committee will be formed next year to assist in the development of this two-pronged assessment process.

VI. Old Business

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.