University of Rhode Island  
The Graduate School  
Graduate Council Meeting No. 437, 14 September 2009  
MINUTES

Council Members Present: Lori Ciccomascolo, Nancy Eaton, Wayne Lee, Cynthia Willey-Temkin, Brian Gallagher, Beth Marcoux, Rebecca Robinson, Bill Rosen, John Szczepanski, Ryan Trimm

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Interim Dean Zawia. He also extended a warm welcome to the members of the 2009-2010 Graduate Council.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 435 and 436 were approved.

III. “State of the Graduate School and Future Plans” was presented by Interim Dean Zawia who gave a warm welcome to the members of the 2009-2010 Graduate Council. He reviewed a snapshot of the Graduate Schools enrollment, diversity and area that need improvement. He went on to show some of the immediate changes being implemented as well as some of the long term changes that will benefit URI as a whole. Immediate changes focus on admissions, online forms and the formation of program assessments.

Interim Dean Zawia also presented an idea to the Council to nominate a co-chair for the Graduate Council. He suggested to the Council that if they were pleased with the way the Council operates then nothing has to change. However if members are dissatisfied, he urges them to nominate a co-convener to work with him.

IV. Announcements

A. Recent appointments to Graduate Faculty were reviewed
   • Gregory Jones, Adjunct Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering
   • Vinka Carver, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering
   • Carl-Ernest Rousseau, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering
   • Peter Sheifele, Adjunct Professor, Ocean Engineering
   • Keunhan Park, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering
   • Cenk Undey, Adjunct Assist. Professor, Pharmacy
   • David Worthen, Adjunct Assist. Professor, Pharmacy
   • Andrew Staroscik, Adjunct Assist. Professor, Cell and Molecular Biology
   • Stephen Brand, Associate Professor, Education
   • Michael Zavada, Adjunct Assist. Professor, Geosciences
   • Mark Brush, Adjunct Professor, Oceanography
   • Norbert Hedderich, Associate Professor, Modern & Classical Languages and Literature
   • Elizabeth Farnsworth, Adjunct Assist. Professor, Natural Resource Sciences
   • Walter Carl, Adjunct Assist. Professor, Communication Studies
   • Matthew Delmonico, Assistant Professor, Kinesiology
   • Clyde Belgrave, Adjunct Assist. Professor, Student Affairs
B. Associate Dean Killingbeck introduced to Council a new process for receiving and reviewing applications for Adjunct Faculty Status and Graduate Faculty Status. Applications for both will now be handled through the Graduate School.

V. Committee Reports

A. Associate Dean Bibb asked for three persons to serve on the Nominating Committee. Those who stepped forward were Rebecca Robinson, Cynthia Willey-Temkin and Brian Gallagher.

B. Associate Deans Bibb and Killingbeck reviewed the various committees of this year’s Council and what membership in each would entail. A self-nomination form was distributed to each council member who put down their first, second and third choices of committees.

VI. Associate Dean Killingbeck updated Council on the progress by the Graduate Manual Revision Committee. He asked for ideas on the best way for the Council to review the proposed changes made to the Graduate Manual. Several ideas were brought forth by various members of Council. It was decided to review these ideas further before making a formal decision.

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IX. The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.