University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 443, 22 February 2010
MINUTES

Council Members Present:  Lori Ciccomascolo, Brian Gallagher, Wayne Lee, Beth Marcoux, Bill Rosen, Mary Sullivan, John Szczepanski, Ryan Trimm, Cynthia Willey, Liz Smith

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Interim Dean Zawia

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 442 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Interim Dean Zawia discussed the progress on the program profiles. The Graduate School has received many so far and will have the information analyzed. Another update will be provided once the information is reviewed.

B. Interim Dean Zawia reported on a significant increase in applications to graduate programs for 2010. Enrollment increased in 2009 by 8%. To date applications for 2010 are up 40%. He noted that a memo was sent to departments and colleges regarding increasing enrollment. He also requested that Council members work with their colleges to yield more students if there is room in the programs.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

Changes Approved
EDP 613 Intro to Quantitative Research – change in course number, name, description, and credits
EDC 920 Workshop for Teachers RITES – grading change
NRS 401/501 Foundations of Restoration Ecology – change in credits, catalog description and prerequisite
NRS 445/545 Invasive Species Research, Management and Policy – change in credits, catalog description and prerequisite

New Courses Approved
ELE 568 Neural Engineering (3)
Tabled
ELE 470 Advanced Topics in Computer Engineering (3)
NUR 504 Advanced Pediatric Physical Assessment (2)
WMS 590 Special Topics in Women’s Studies (3)
CVE 477/577 Environmental Sustainability and Green Engineering (3)
OCG 509 Satellite Oceanography (3)
OCG 515 Chemistry of Earth (3)
PHY 545 Nanotechnology in Imaging and Therapy (3)
PHY 550 Introduction to Radiation Physics and Dosimetry (3)
PHY 552 Radiobiology (3)
PHY 555 Radiation Oncology Practicum (3)
PHY 565 Photomedicine (3)

B. Graduate Manual Revision Committee

The revision of Sections 10 and 11 of the Graduate School Manual completed by the Graduate Manual Revision Committee was reviewed and approved pending minor editorial changes with the exception of section 11.28 which was tabled pending further review.

VI. New Business

A. Associate Dean Killingbeck reviewed the wording in the statement regarding 599 and 699 research credits with council. Minor changes were proposed and are listed below as well as the approved wording:

Current wording in the University Manual

500-599 Level. Graduate level courses. Bachelors degree usually prerequisite but qualified seniors and honors students admitted with permission. Characteristics: Comprise majority of course work between bachelors and masters degree. Number 599 reserved for masters thesis research.

600-699 Level. Advanced graduate courses. No undergraduates admitted except honors students with approval of advisors and the department. Characteristics: Comprise majority of course work between masters and doctors degree but not limited to doctoral students. Number 699 reserved for doctoral thesis research.

Approved wording in the University Manual

500-599 Level. Graduate level courses. Bachelors degree usually prerequisite but qualified seniors and honors students admitted with permission. Characteristics: Comprise majority of course work between bachelors and masters degree. Number 599 is reserved for masters thesis research and is
graded on an S/U-only basis.

600-699 Level. Advanced graduate courses. No undergraduates admitted except honors students with approval of advisors and the department. Characteristics: Comprise majority of course work between masters and doctors degree but not limited to doctoral students. Number 699 is reserved for doctoral thesis research and is graded on an S/U-only basis.

B. Discussion regarding the current University policy of deleting a course if it has not been offered for two years and is not scheduled for a third was tabled until the next meeting.

C. The speaker scheduled to address Council, Dean Ron Jordan of Pharmacy, did not attend the meeting. Therefore, the issue regarding whether Pharm.D. graduates should participate in the graduate commencement was not discussed.

VII. Old Business

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.