University of Rhode Island  
The Graduate School  
Graduate Council Meeting No. 448, 18 October 2010  
MINUTES

Council Members Present: Lori Ciccomascolo, Brian Gallagher, Mayrai Gindy, Terry Deeney, Mustafa Kulenovic, Rebecca Robinson, Naomi Mandel, Gerhard Muller, Gary Stoner, Benjamin Young

Council Members Not Present: Graham Forrester, Mary Sullivan, Henry Oppenheimer, David Rowley, John Szczepanski, Arthur McDonald

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by Interim Dean Zawia.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 447 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Interim Dean Zawia discussed the Graduate Program Directors and Chairs meeting that took place on 14 October 2010. Three main topics of the meeting were: the new application system being developed for the Graduate School, Student Learning Outcomes Assessment, and Program Profiles Data, Recruitment & Diversity. He also took some time to discuss some of the areas being developed in the new application system and how it will benefit departments.

IV. Committees

A. Curriculum Committee – Associate Dean Killingbeck detailed a new process for providing the curricular materials to all members of Council previous to the meeting.

Changes Approved
EEC 432 Environmental Economics and Policy – change in title and prerequisites
NUR 590 Directed Study/Practice in Advances Clinical Nsg – change credits and description
EDS 511 Literacy and Language Instruction – change in prerequisite
CHM512 Advanced Analytical Chemistry II – change in prerequisite
ENG 690 Independent Graduate Study – delete course
ENG 691, 692 Independent Graduate Study – change in description and prerequisite
MTH 629 – change in prerequisite
New Courses Approved
MUS 591 Independent Study (1-3)
CVE 577 Environmental Sustainability and Green Engineering (3)
NUR 565 Acute Care Nurse Practitioner I: Adult (3)
NUR 566 Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum I: Adult (3)
NUR 567 Acute Care Nurse Practitioner II: Adult (3)
NUR 568 Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Practicum II: Adult (3)
BPS 545 Advanced Medicinal Chemistry (3)

Tabled
FLM 445 Advanced Topics in Documentary Film Production
TMD 532 Fashion Retail Supply Chain Management
TMD 552 Consumer Behavior in Fashion Retailing

Additional Curricular Matters Approved
Department of Chemistry change in course distribution for all graduate degree programs.

V. Policy Discussion
A. Discussions and ideas regarding policy issues related to the Graduate Manual sections 7.72 – 7.75 were exchanged by Council members. The topic being outcome for a student if he/she fails comprehensive exams twice. The wording of the exact policy was tabled until such a time that better verbiage is brought before Council.

B. Discussions regarding the consideration of expectations of 400 and 400/500-level courses was tabled due to time restraints.

VI. New Business
A. A motion was passed to remove the additional wording of section 12.34.1 which was approved last spring by Council. This section refers to last semester graduate students with assistantships. The added wording has caused great difficulty as students on an assistantship in their last semester, allowed to register for only one credit, are charged full tuition.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm