University of Rhode Island  
The Graduate School  
Graduate Council Meeting No. 467, 19 November 2012  
MINUTES

Council Members Present: Peter August, Brian Gallagher, Mayrai Gindy, Larry Englander, Stephen Kogut, Kevin McClure, Gerhard Muller, Henry Oppenheimer, Rainer Lohmann, Michael Pennell, Gary Stoner, Denise Coppa, Scott Martin, Evelyn Sterne, Kyle Scully, Noel Burgess

Council Members Not Present: Terry Deeney

Others Present: Dean Zawia, Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck, Megan Yakey, Alycia Mosley Austin

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Dean Zawia.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 466 were approved with minor editorial changes.

III. Announcements

A. Dean Zawia recognized recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty

JESSICA LIBERTINI  MATHEMATICS  10/19/2012
PATRICIA CIOE  NURSING  11/1/2012
MATTHEW HARE  FISHERIES, ANIMAL & VET SCI  11/8/2012
JOHN TRIMBUR  ENGLISH (W&R)  11/13/2012

B. Dean Zawia opened a discussion on the Graduate School Retreat that was held in Newport on 15 November 2012. He asked for feedback from the Council members that were able to attend. There was some discussion on the Strategic Plan. The Dean requested that Council email him with questions and comments on the plan before it is finalized. A suggestion was made that Dean Zawia meet with the new members of the Board of Education to try to build a relationship with the Board and to emphasize the need for strong support of graduate education.

C. Dean Zawia announced that a meeting is scheduled with the Provost regarding the commencement keynote speaker selection. The previous meeting was rescheduled due to hurricane Sandy.

IV. Committees

A. Curriculum Committee
**Changes Approved**
ISE(MCE) 411 Probability and Statistics for Engineers  
ISE(MCE) 460 Product Design for the Environment  
GEO 465 Geophysics  
KIN 559 Principles of Exercise Testing and Interpretation  
KIN 562 Advanced Exercise Physiology  
KIN 564 Physiology of Aging  
KIN 565 Cardiovascular Disease: Prevention and Rehabilitation

**Courses Deleted**
NUR 621 Nursing Theory & Research in the Client Domain  
NUR 631 Nursing Theory & Research in the Client-Nurse Domain  
NUR 641 Nursing Theory & Research in the Practice Domain

**New Courses Approved**
NUR 611 Theories and Research in the Nursing Domains

**Additional Curricular Matters**
Medical Laboratory Science Graduate Program Requirements – Tabled unanimously

B. New Program Committee

Graduate Certificate on GIS and Remote Sensing – Approved unanimously  
GSO Fifth Year MO Program – Tabled Unanimously

V. Graduation School Manual

A. Section 4.70.10 of the University Manual

A revision of Section 4.70.10 of the University Manual was discussed thoroughly by the Graduate Council at four meetings. The revision below was passed with 12 Approvals, 1 Opposed by the Council, but with the caveat that several editorial changes be made and brought back to the Council for approval.

**4.70.10** The Graduate Faculty. Graduate Faculty Status is afforded to faculty members of the University who establish and maintain significant scholarly activity in their field. Its importance lies in the fact that it is a requirement for serving on the research or examination committees of graduate students. All faculty are eligible to be nominated for Graduate Faculty Status by the Chair or Director of the department, school, or program in which they have a formal appointment. A letter of nomination
submitted to the Graduate School along with a current curriculum vitae of the faculty member serves to initiate the review process. Nomination is automatic for newly hired tenure-track faculty. Criteria for appointment to and retention of Graduate Faculty focus on the educational background of the faculty member, their past and present scholarly accomplishments, and their ability to serve as capable mentors of students pursuing graduate degrees. The expectation is that faculty a) have earned the highest degree available in their discipline, b) have published or produced products that contribute to their discipline or have distinguished themselves as leading practitioners in their discipline, and c) have the talent to be effective educators and mentors to students of the University enrolled in graduate degree programs. Periodic review of Graduate Faculty Status is required. Renewal will be reviewed during each normally scheduled College review of a faculty member. Requests for non-renewal of Graduate Faculty Status will be initiated by the Dean of the College in which the faculty member resides, and will be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School. The Graduate Council will then approve or reject the request.

B. Section 8.81.62 of the University Manual

Associate Dean Killingbeck noted that the proposal from the Faculty Senate to change section 8.81.62 of the University Manual as well as the response to that request crafted at the October Graduate Council Meeting was tabled at Faculty Senate. He suggested that any further review of this matter be tabled until Faculty Senate holds their vote. Council agreed with this.

VI. Old Business

A. Program committee’s inside and outside members discussion was tabled due to time restraints
B. ‘Last Semester Status’ discussion was tabled due to time constraints

VII. New Business

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm