University of Rhode Island
The Graduate School
Graduate Council Meeting No. 470, 25 February 2013
MINUTES

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

Council Members Not Present:

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

I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Dean Zawia.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 469 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Dean Zawia recognized recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty

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B. Associate Dean Killingbeck updated Council on the progress of revitalizing forms and their release. Programs of Study forms and Establishment of a Program Committee have been completed and are ready for release.

C. Dean Zawia announced the results of the votes for the top three desired speakers for graduate commencement. First choice went to Lindborg, second was Nafisi, and third choice was Brooks.

D. Dean Zawia put a request to Council for a member to join a University Committee that will be selecting a vendor to develop and operate two online programs. Council was asked to consider volunteering, however, if no one came forth a council member might be appointed.

E. Associate Dean Killingbeck noted that there has been no movement on the NEASC-induced time-dependent course removal policy from Faculty Senate and so nothing to discuss presently.

F. Dean Zawia introduced the topic of the review of the Medical Laboratory Science program and briefly spoke to why a request was made by its college
for its review. He then introduced Henry Oppenheimer as the chair of the review committee. Henry Oppenheimer then gave Council a brief account of his process for the review of the Medical Laboratory Science program, as well as, his thoughts on how they will proceed going forward.

IV. Committees

A. Curriculum Committee

Changes Approved
GEO 533 Readings in Petrology and Geochemistry
BES 599 Master’s Thesis Research
BES 699 Doctoral Dissertation Research

Tabled
MLS 575 The Business of Biotechnology
MLS 581 Clinical Research for Biotechnology

Additional Matters
The proposal for changes to the Medical Laboratory Science program requirements were tabled.

V. Graduate School Manual
Council was asked to consider a change in one sentence of section 7.56 of the Graduate Manual. It was decided that Council members would bring this topic to their departments and provide feedback to Council to best decide how to proceed on this matter.

VI. Topics for Discussion

A. Associate Dean Killingbeck opened a discussion about Graduate Faculty Status. Council discussed that there needs to be a grievance process and some kind of provisional status for those in jeopardy of losing their Graduate Faculty Status. Council also discussed changes and edits to the text that was submitted back to us by Faculty Senate on this topic. Dean Killingbeck will take the input of the Council from todays meeting and make those edits to the wording and return it to Faculty Senate.

B. The issue of Programs of Study and how to best encourage their timely development and submission was tabled due to time restraints.
VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm