MINUTES

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

Council Members Not Present: Mayrai Gindy, David Faflik

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. 471 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Dean Zawia recognized recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty

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B. Dean Zawia thanked the Council for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Special recognition was given to Terry Deeney, Brian Gallagher, Mayrai Gindy, Gerhard Muller, Henry Oppenheimer, Gary Stoner, and Noel Burgess who have completed their terms on the Graduate Council.

C. Dean Zawia and Associate Dean Killingbeck informed Council that we found a speaker for the 2013 Graduate Commencement. It was announced that Mary Kennard, Vice President, General Council, and Secretary of the Board of Trustees at American University, will be giving the address for us. She was quite honored to speak at our graduate exercises as she is a former member of the URI community.

D. Associate Dean Killingbeck announced the winner of the 2013 Graduate School Excellence in Doctoral Research Award. Dr. Yuhong Liu of the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering was nominated by her major professor, Yan Sun, for her dissertation titled, “Digital Trust and Reputation: Applications and Security Issues”. Associate Dean Killingbeck remarked that of the candidates reviewed, Dr. Lui’s work was by far the best.
E. Dean Zawia opened a discussion on the structural position of the Graduate Council within the University. There have been discussions regarding whether or not the Council is a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate, and whether it should, or should not, be designated as such. Those discussions will continue as we meet with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and as we gather the Graduate Faculty of the University for a summit in Fall 2013. These discussions were sparked by controversy surrounding a Graduate School-initiated proposal to replace the wording in the University Manual that covers the topic of Graduate Faculty Status.

IV. Committees

A. Curriculum Committee

**Changes Approved**
- MBA 593 Internship in Business Administration
- MBA 594 Internship in Business Administration
- EDP 692 Directed Readings and Research Problems
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**Tabled Changes**
- MBA 555 Managerial Economics
- MBA 565 Strategic Management
- MBA 566 Security and Investment Analysis
- MBA 567 Advanced Portfolio Theory and Security Analysis
- MBA 568 Advanced Financial Theory
- MBA 569 Advanced International Financial Management
- MBA 577 Compensation Administration
- MBA 578 Human Resource Development
- MBA 579 International Business Management
- MBA 580 Management Systems Analysis and Design
- MBA 583 Seminar in Operations and Supply Change Management

**Tabled New Courses**
- MBA 532 Organizational Behavior for Healthcare Professionals
- MBA 533 Financial Accounting for Healthcare Professionals
- MBA 534 Financial Management for Healthcare Professionals
- MBA 535 Information Resources for Healthcare Professionals
- MBA 536 Healthcare Operations & Supply Chain Management
- MBA 537 Managerial Accounting for Healthcare Professionals
- WRT 595 Master’s Portfolio Research in Rhetoric
V. Topics for Discussion – Revisitation of the CELS “inside-outside”

committee member discussion

A motion was made: for students in CELS, the chair of a thesis or dissertation defense must come from outside of CELS. For all other graduate student committees, the person designated as an ‘outside’ member is defined as being a member of the Graduate Faculty outside the department in which the major professor resides. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Topics for Discussion

These items were tabled due to time constraints

A. Consideration of a change to Section 7.56 in the Graduate School Manual that pertains to the submission of dissertation proposals. The wording below after “TO” is based on suggestions from the Graduate Council at our February and March meetings. No change is proposed for the ‘one-semester’ policy for master’s proposals.

FROM -- “In all cases, however, the proposal must be submitted at least one semester before the semester in which the dissertation itself is to be submitted and defended.

TO -- In all cases, however, the proposal must be submitted a) during or before the seventh semester in which a doctoral student is enrolled in their program, and b) at least ..... possible choices [A] = two semesters before the semester in which the dissertation itself is to be submitted and defended; [B] = 6, 8, or 10 months before the dissertation is defended.

The section as it reads now is reproduced in its entirety below

“7.56 Dissertation Proposal. A dissertation proposal is required of all doctoral students and is intended to describe a problem to be investigated and provide details regarding how the research will be performed and reported. Approval signifies that it meets the standards of the University of Rhode Island for the doctoral degree. The proposal should present the required information as concisely and clearly as possible. The ability to describe concisely a research problem and methodology is one of the skills that the dissertation proposal process is designed to develop. Therefore, dissertation proposals are limited in length to the signature cover-sheet plus 15 or fewer double-spaced, numbered pages in a font size no smaller than 12 point. Proposals longer than this will not be accepted, however, appendices and references are not included in the 15-page limit. Proposals should be submitted before substantial research has been completed, typically during the first or second semester in which the student registers for research credits. In all cases, however, the proposal must be submitted at least one semester before the semester in which the dissertation itself is to be submitted and defended. Complete details for the appropriate development, preparation, and submission of a dissertation
B. Programs of Study - possible wording changes are provided below for Sections 7.43 and 7.52 of the Graduate School Manual. The words underlined represent the possible changes.

7.43 Program of Study. It is in the best interests of graduate students to be guided in their work by a well-designed Program of Study. Each student enrolled in a master's degree program shall submit four signed copies of a Program of Study to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval. Students must submit a Program of Study as soon as is practicable, but not later than the end of the third semester of their enrollment as full time students or by the end of the fourth semester of enrollment as a part-time student. Failure to submit a Program of Study during this period may result in enrollment blocks or suspension of graduate study until such a program is submitted. (see Section 9.10 for course distribution requirements). Signatures required include those of the student, major professor, and the Graduate Program Director or department Chair. The Program of Study includes courses that are to be taken for program credit, and those that are to be taken without program credit to remedy deficiencies, or for the student's personal satisfaction. Courses that are to be taken without program credit must be so designated before they are taken if failing grades are not to be included in the calculation of the student's overall grade point average, except as provided in Section 9. After a program has been approved, changes can be made by submitting a revised Program of Study for approval to the Dean of the Graduate School, signed by the major professor, the student, and the Graduate Program Director. Forms to be used for submitting the Program of Study are available at the Graduate School website.

7.52 Program of Study. Each doctoral student shall submit a Program of Study to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval. Students must submit a Program of Study as soon as is practicable, but no later than the end of the third semester of their enrollment as full time students or by the end of the fourth semester of enrollment as a part-time student. Failure to submit a Program of Study during this period may result in enrollment blocks or suspension of graduate study until such a program is submitted. After a program has been approved, changes can be made by a petition for approval to the Dean of the Graduate School, signed by all members of the doctoral committee, the student and the Graduate Program Director. Each doctoral student shall submit at least six copies (three copies plus one copy for each member of the Ph.D. committee) of the Program of Study signed by all members of the doctoral committee (see 8.43.2), the student, and the Graduate Program Director. The Program of Study should specify the courses that are to be taken for program
credit (see Section 9.20 for course distribution requirements) and those that are to be taken without program credit, to remedy deficiencies, or for the student's satisfaction. Courses in the Program of Study listed to be taken without program credit must be so designated before they are taken; if they are not, grades in these courses will be included in the calculation of the student's Grade Point Average. Forms to be used for reporting the Program of Study are available at the Graduate School website (www.uri.edu/gsadmis/).

VII. Policies Guiding Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs
   Tabled due to time restraints

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Meeting adjourned at 4:08pm