The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm by Dean Zawia

The Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 478 were approved

Announcements

A. Dean Zawia recognized recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty:

JOHN McLINDEN PHYSICAL THERAPY (M.S. CREDENTIAL) 3/5/2014
THOMAS SPENGLER MECH, IND, & SYST ENGINEERING 3/10/2014

B. Dean Zawia spoke with Council regarding the Graduate Teaching and Administrative Assistantship Creation Pilot Program. He noted that there were close to 40 applications originally, after taking out the applications that don’t qualify there are about 30 under consideration. The Provost’s Office is reviewing their budget to see if there are funds to contribute to this effort.

C. Associate Dean Killingbeck spoke with Council regarding the Excellence in Doctoral Research Awards. Nominations are currently under review and an additional review in STEM and non-STEM might be needed for this process. Libby Miles agreed to review non-STEM nominations while Associate Dean Killingbeck will look at which members of STEM disciplines will not have a conflict of interest in reviewing and may ask them later in the week to help with this effort.

D. Associate Dean Killingbeck updated Council about a recent meeting with members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. They encouraged Dean Zawia and Associate Dean Killingbeck to bring the Graduate Faculty Status issue back to Faculty Senate. Council was supportive of this.

E. Associate Dean Killingbeck informed Council of recent developments at the Graduate School. The Provost’s Office has given the go ahead for us to investigate the purchase of two software programs to help with Graduate
School functions. LikeLive will assist departments to recruit and interview prospective students and SchoolDocs, which is a web-based document management system. We are currently investigating both programs. Associate Dean Killingbeck asked members of Council to think of other programs like these that we should investigate to make sure we get the right programs for the University.

F. Dean Zawia announced that a guest speaker would be arriving on 2 April 2014 to speak to departments and graduate faculty. Dr. Lisbeth Borbye will be speaking about Professional Science Master's programs, both benefits of and creation of. Dr. Borbye is a leader in this rapidly emerging field and will share the experiences derived from her work at North Carolina State University. She will speak at the Council of Deans Meeting that morning and then again at a luncheon meeting at the UClub later that day.

G. Associate Dean Killingbeck noted that 7 April 2014 is the deadline for submitting curricular materials that department’s want considered for this year’s council.

H. Associate Dean Killingbeck asked Council for input to answer a question that this year’s commencement speaker, Kent Morrison, asked. He wanted to know what Council feels are the greatest challenges to graduate education today. The answers included these... a) debt burden of graduate students, b) lack of appropriate job prospects in some disciplines, c) the challenge of creating information rather than finding information, d) judging competencies rather than credits, e) misalignment between what jobs students are 'trained' for and what jobs students want (faculty position versus 'other'), f) at URI, how to we do a better job of making our programs known, nationally and internationally, and f) institution aversion to risk-taking in graduate education

IV. Committees

A. New Program Committee
   i. Harrington School Digital Literacy Program was approved pending the approval of two courses being brought to Council later in the meeting (both were approved).
   ii. The College of Nursing is not proposing a new program but is asking for two things: 1. validation of its current certificate program and 2. approval of the two 18 credit tracks of the Nursing Certificate. Council voted to approve the validation unanimously. A motion was made to amend the current policy for certificate programs to be considered as follows: Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs will require 12-16 credits and Post-Masters Certificate Programs will require 12-18 credits. This motion was approved.
B. Curriculum Committee

**Course Changes Approved**

CSC 402 Compiler Design
CSF 430 Introduction to Information Assurance
PHT 576 Broadening Experiences in Physical Therapy
PHT 610 Evidence Based Inquiry I
PHT 620 Evidence Based Inquiry II
PHT 630 Evidence Based Inquiry III
PHT 640 Evidence Based Inquiry IV

**New Courses Approved**

CSF 410 Digital Forensics (4)
CSF 414 Digital Forensics Analysis (4)
CSF 432 Introduction to Network and Systems Security (4)
CHE 570X Research Methods in Chemical Engineering (3)
EDC 531 Teaching and Learning with Digital Technologies (3)
EDC 534 Seminar in Digital Authorship (3)
CFS 512 Advanced Digital Forensics (4)
CFS 516 File System Analysis (4)
CFS 534 Advanced Topics in Network and Systems Security (4)
CFS 536 Advanced Intrusion Detection and Defense (4)
CFS 538 Penetration Testing (4)

**Courses Deleted**

CSC 586 Topics in Network Forensics

**Additional Curricular Matters**

1. College of Engineering
   Department of Mechanical Engineering
   Program Changes - Approved
2. College of Arts & Sciences
   Computer Science Program
   a) Certificate in Cyber Security program changes – approved
   b) Certificate in Digital Forensics program changes - approved

V. **Old Business**

A. The discussion about Thesis/Dissertation embargos continued. Council
   would like to investigate a way to have both the student and the major
   professor sign off on this. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

B. Ted Myatt presented a draft to Council about the proposed requirement for
   training in the area of ‘responsible conduct of research’ for all graduate
students in thesis/dissertation programs. As there was no wording regarding the requirement of faculty for the same training, Council tabled the item with the expectation that a new version of the policy would be presented that addressed the issue of faculty training. The Council was supportive in principle of creating a policy that would address the need for broad-scale training in the 'responsible conduct of research.'

C. The discussion regarding master's thesis defenses requirements and signatures was tabled due to time constraints.

VI. New Business

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm