Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP)

Report to the Faculty Senate
Academic Year 2018-2019
The Charge

The Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP) shall address academic planning and accreditation of the University. The recommendations of the Committee are advisory to the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Senate.
Representation from Across the URI Community

JCAP MEMBERS 2018-2019

- Donald DeHayes, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Chairperson
- Bahram Nassersharif, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, Vice Chairperson
- Marilyn Barbour, Chair, Academic Program Review Committee
- Laura Beauvais, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
- Audrey Cardany, Faculty Senate, Curriculum & Standards Committee, Chair
- Nick Constant, President, Graduate Students Association
- Mayrai Gindy, Faculty Senate Executive Committee member
- Dan Graney, Dean of Students
- Michael Honhart, Faculty Senate Executive Committee member
- Patricia Morokoff, Faculty Senate Executive Committee member
- Ann Morrissey, Special Assistant to the Provost for Academic Planning
- Nedra Reynolds, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
- Peter Snyder, Vice President, Research and Economic Development
- Adriana Wilding, President, Student Senate
- Nasser Zawia, Dean, Graduate School
- Mary Grace Almandrez, Interim Chief Diversity Officer
2018-2019 Academic Year

• Committee met in Oct, Nov, Dec, Feb, March.
  (Final meeting of this academic year will be May 9th.)

• 6 pre-proposals for new degrees were presented to JCAP for comment and guidance.

• 2019 Academic Summit was planned, held on Jan. 17th, and debriefed.

• Interdisciplinary Work Guidelines were formulated and provided to the URI community.
Pre-proposals for new degrees

The Role of the Committee

• Serves as an early reviewer of ideas and plans for new degree programs with regard to alignment with the Academic Strategic Plan.
• Offering the colleges a critique and vetting of these ideas before they move forward, and clarified that JCAP does not give absolute approval or denial.
• Provides guidance for developing curricula. JCAP also plays a big role in the development of the Academic Strategic Plan.
2019 Academic Summit

Research, Scholarship, Creative work: Inspiring CONVERGENCE at URI

• The Summit was attended by approximately 260 and all evaluation feedback was summarized and discussed.
• In follow up, several areas including mental health and addiction, sustainability, ”fake” news, the politicization of science and censorship were among the areas that will be carried forward into ad hoc “contemporary issues” courses.
Multi-inter- and trans-disciplinary guidelines

• In an effort to advance and support this work, guidelines were developed and vetted with JCAP, Fac Sen Exec, and the Council of Deans.
• Distribution to all colleges and faculty.
• Posted here: https://web.uri.edu/provost/faculty-affairs/interdisciplinary-work-guidelines-and-practices/