

MINUTES

CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting – May 3, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in CBLS 100, Dean John Kirby presiding. The following faculty and professional staff members were present: Abedon, Adams, Amador, Anderson, August, Bailey, Bengtson, Bidwell, Blackwood, Bourassa, Brown, D., Brown, R., Camberg, Cardace, Cary, Clinton, Delgido, Dewsbury, Engelhart, Englander, English, Fastovsky, Fontes-Barros, Forrester G, Forrester L, Frazier, Frost, Gold, Goldsmith, Gomez-Chiarri, Gottschalk-Druschke, Grandidge, Guilfoos, Hamidzada, Heine, Herron, Howlett, Humphries, Irvine, Jenkins B, Jenkins V, Karako, Karraker, Kirby, Kolbe, LaBash, Laliberte, Lane, Lang, Legere, Link, Macinko, Mallilo, Martin, Mather, Maynard, Melanson, Meyerson, Mitkowski, Morreira, Morris, Moseman-Valtierra, Nelson, Neptin, Opaluch, Palmer, Paquette, Paton, Petersson, Pradhanang, Rhodes, Rice, Savage, Sheely, Silvia, Snyder, Sperry, Sproul, Sullivan, Sun, Thompson, Thornber, Trandafir, Travis, Tremblay, Uchida, E., Uchida, H., Van Buren, Van Sciver, Veeger, Vetvois, Vieira, Wang, Webb, and Zhang Y.
2. The Minutes from the December 14, 2015 CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting were approved.
3. Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a. Dean Kirby reported on the results of the Spring College Elections and welcomed the newly elected officers for the 2016-17 Academic Year:
 - 1) Faculty Senators for the 2016-2019 term are Mark Stolt (NRS) and Thomas Boving (GEO)
 - 2) Faculty Senator to serve the unexpired term 2016-17 is Todd Guilfoos (ENRE)
 - 3) CELS Faculty Secretary to serve until 2019 is Michael Rice (FAVS)
 - 4) Members of the CELS Curriculum Committee serving to 2019 are Katherine Petersson (FAVS), Joel Chandlee (CMB) and David Bidwell (MAF)
 - 5) Members of the CELS Space Committee serving to 2019 are Richard Burroughs (MAF) and Corey Lang (ENRE)
 - 6) Members of the CELS Research Committee serving to 2019 are Marta Gomez-Chiarri (FAVS) and Scott McWilliams (NRS)
 - 7) Member of the CELS Commencement Committee serving until 2019, Anthony Malillo (FAVS);
**note: one seat on the CELS Commencement Committee expiring 2018 remains vacant*
 - 8) Member of the CELS Bylaws Committee serving until 2019, Brian Maynard (PLS)
 - 9) Member of Senate Curricular Affairs Committee serving until 2019
 - 10) Member representing CELS on the Senate Information Technology, Infrastructure, Communications & Networking Committee until 2019, Brian Maynard (PLS)Dean Kirby offered his congratulations to the new CELS elected representatives. As is customary, new Senators take office with the May Senate Meeting on May 5 and the new or reelected CELS Committee members begin office with the annual Spring Faculty and Staff Meeting on May 3.
 - b. Dean Kirby provided information about the status of upcoming faculty searches.
 - c. The 2016 CELS Excellence Awards were announced as is customary by the previous recipients:
 1. Staff Excellence Award: Nasir Hamidzada
 2. Teaching Excellence Award: Brian Dewsbury

3. Research Excellence Award: Simon Engelhart

d. Dean Kirby announced the following CELS Faculty retirements:

1. Professor David Bengtson FAVS
2. Professor Linda Hufnagel BIO
3. Professor Jay Sperry CMB

Additionally, Associate Dean Richard Rhodes and Jason Ramsay will be leaving CELS

e. Dean Kirby reported on the promotion of the following CELS faculty members:

1. Nancy Karraker -- to Associate Professor
2. Barbara Payne -- to Associate Research Professor
3. Kathleen Melanson -- to Full Professor
4. Evan Preisser -- to Full Professor
5. Carol Thornber -- to Full Professor
6. Catherine English -- step increase to Full Professor III

f. Dean Kirby announced Service Longevity Awards for the following CELS Staff:

1. Debra Bourassa -- 15 years
2. Narfrett Connor -- 40 years

4. Reports of Standing Committees:

- a) Curriculum Committee: The Curriculum Committee report was given by Prof. Cathy English. She reported the committee's accomplishments of the past year as posted on the CELS Curriculum Committee website: <http://web.uri.edu/celsgov/curriculum-committee/> And she reported that the course and curriculum review tracking system implemented by the Faculty Senate has been up and running and accessible at: <http://www.uri.edu/facsen/tracker.html> Prof. English thanked outgoing members of the committee. The report of the Curriculum Committee is presented in Appendix I.
- b) Research Committee: There was no report from the Research Committee
- c) Associate Dean Sheely gave the report on the Cooperative Extension and Outreach Coordinating Committee. The effort to engage in Strategic Planning for all of RI Cooperation is underway with meetings to be held through the summer.
- d) Professor Lane provided a brief report of the Space Committee activities over the last year.
- e) Professor Mallilo provided the report of the Commencement Committee. The committee had been working diligently on preparations for the May 16 Graduate Student Ceremony and for the May 17 Undergraduate Ceremony. Details of his report are in Appendix II of these Minutes. Professor Mallilo expressed a need for additional Faculty Marshals at Graduation and urged any faculty member willing to serve as a marshal to contact him or any of the other members of the committee.
- f) Ms. Fontes-Barros presented the report of the Diversity Committee. She reported the development of a guide for processed developed by the committee. She discussed the new CELS Seeds of Success (SOS) Program for under represented students in the College (<http://web.uri.edu/cels/seeds-of-success/>), and the new Science and Engineering Fellows Program, jointly developed by CELS and the College of Engineering (<http://web.uri.edu/cels/science-and-engineering-fellows/>). These two new initiatives are expected

to increase both recruitment and retention of students from under represented backgrounds and there is some indication of initial success.

- g) Professor Lane presented the report of the Bylaws and Review Committee. There was a proposal from the Executive Council to amend the bylaws to reduce the number of members on CELS Committees due to lack of numbers of faculty members interested in serving. The proposed bylaws changes as communicated from the Executive Council are as follows:

Art Gold (Marian Goldsmith seconded) moves that the Executive Council pass the following changes to the CELS bylaws: Additions are highlighted in yellow. Deletions are denoted by strikethrough. *Note: Section 11.1.2 applies to the Curriculum Committee:*

11.1.2 Members. There shall be **four (4) members** a representative of each Department on the committee. Terms will be consistent with the language for the rest of CELS committees per Section 9 of these bylaws. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall serve as an ex officio member of this Committee.

11.2.2 Members. The Research Committee shall be composed of **three (3)** ~~seven (7)~~ Faculty members and shall be maintained with nominees selected by the departments and appointment made by the dean. Terms will be consistent with the language for the rest of CELS committees per Section 9 of these bylaws. The Associate Dean for Research shall serve ex officio.

11.4.2 Members. The space committee shall be composed of **four (4)** ~~seven (7)~~ Faculty members and shall be maintained with nominees selected by the departments and elected by the college. Terms will be consistent with the language for the rest of CELS committees per Section 9 of these bylaws. The Associate Dean for Research and Outreach shall serve in an ex-officio capacity and shall be responsible for maintaining the space inventory database on behalf of the Space Committee.

Considerable discussion ensued. Concern was expressed that there may not be sufficient departmental representation on critical committees such as the CELS Curriculum Committee and the Space Committee.

There was a motion by Professor Sullivan, seconded by Professor Maynard to table the motion and hold for further study by the Bylaws Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business:

There was no old business

6. New Business:

There was no new business

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Rice, Secretary of the CELS Faculty

Appendix I -- Report of the CELS Curriculum Committee



Curriculum Committee

David Bidwell (MAF)

Simon Engelhart (GEO)

Nancy Karrager (NRS)

Katherine Petersson (FAVS)

Rebecca Brown (PLS)

Cathy English (NFS)

Jim Opaluch (ENRE)

Evan Preisser (BIO)

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On May 12, 1960 the General Faculty authorized the establishment of a Faculty Senate as its agent to the business assigned to faculty jurisdiction by law, the President, or by the Board of Trustees (now the Board of Governors).

The Faculty Senate, subject to the provisions of state and federal law, subject to consistency with the general objectives established by its governing Board, and subject to the referendum power of the General Faculty, has ultimate legislative power on educational policies.

With the concurrence of the President, the Faculty Senate has the authority to formulate policy concerning teaching and research, study, exercise, discipline and government; for example, and without excluding others not listed, academic standards (scholastic standing, admission and dismissal policy, class attendance, grading systems, etc.), the University calendar, University-wide curriculum matters both graduate and undergraduate, and research and patent policy as they may affect the faculty as a whole.

COURSES Fully Approved for the New General Education Program

Gen Ed Courses and Gen Ed Designations Prior to 2016 Implementation of New Gen Ed Program

We reviewed and approved:

- 11 new course proposals**
- 11 course change proposals**
- 6 course deletions**
- 3 program changes**

All have been sent to respective committees.

Watch the Faculty Senate Course Tracker to see the status of the proposals.

a. PROPOSAL CURR TRACKING

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College

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102	CELS	EEC	EEC 352	New	No	YES - New	2/25/16	CAC - 2/29/16	Approved	See GenEd Tracker	3/31/16
103	CELS	GEO	GEO 200	New	No	YES - New	3/16/16	CAC - 3/28/16	Approved	See GenEd Tracker	
104	CELS	GEO	GEO 462	New	No	No	3/17/16	CAC - 3/28/16	Approved		4/21/16
105	CELS	MAF	MAF 445	New	No	No	3/17/16	CAC - 3/28/16	Approved		4/21/16
106	CELS	AFS	AFS 106	New	No	No	4/14/16	CAC - 4/25/16	Approved		5/5/16
107	CELS	CMB	CMB 421	New	No	No	4/14/16	CAC - 4/25/16	Approved		5/5/16
108	CELS	NRS	NRS/BIO 419	New	No	No	4/14/16	CAC - 4/25/16	Approved		5/5/16
109	CELS	MAF	MAF/APG 472	Change title, description, cross-listing	Yes	No	4/14/16	CAC - 4/25/16	(See GC)		
110	CELS	MAF	MAF/APG 471	Change title, description, cross-listing, and method of instruction	Yes	No	4/14/16	CAC - 4/25/16	(See GC)		

Appendix II Commencement Committee Notes

CELS GRADUATE STUDENT RECEPTION

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences, Atrium 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Graduate students, families, faculty and friends are invited to come
celebrate the class of 2016.**

GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

Thomas M. Ryan Center, Kingston Campus

12:15 p.m.: Candidates assemble in academic attire in designated areas.

1:00 p.m.: Commencement exercises begin.



THE
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AND LIFE SCIENCES

**Undergraduate
Commencement Ceremony
Saturday, May
21, 2016
The Ryan**



**CELS Commencement
Ceremony**

5:30 Procession



**5:45 Dean's Welcome and Congratulatory
Address**

**6:00 Recognition Ceremony and Awarding
of Degrees**

Refreshments and Post Ceremony Photo Opportunities will



**Please have guests remain seated as a courtesy to those students who
do not walk until later in the program.**

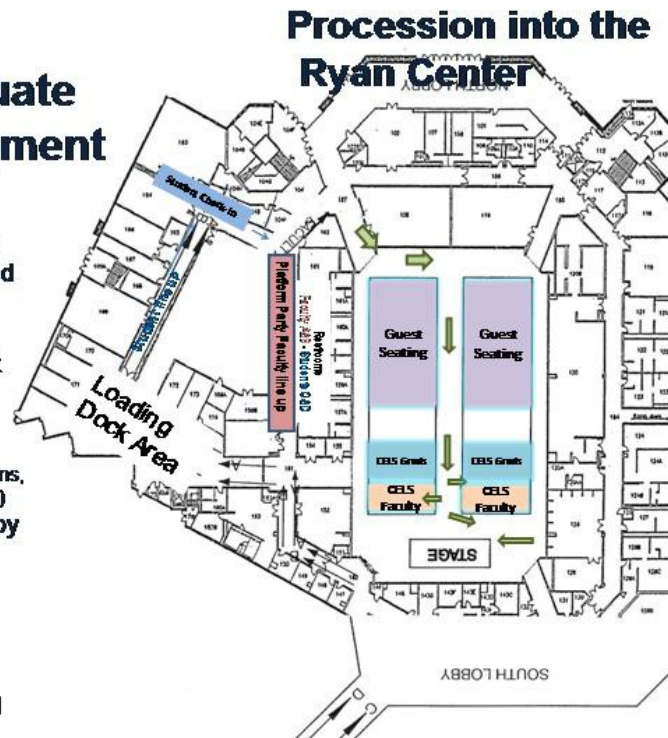
CELS Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

4:30p.m. Line Ceremony
 Graduates are lined up by department and major in the loading dock area (see next slide for list of departments).

Platform Party -
 (Teacher of the Year, Deans, Director, and Dept. Chairs)
Faculty are lined up by department

5:30p.m. - Procession

1. **Platform Party** will process first



Procession into the Ryan Center

4:30p.m. - Graduates are lined up by department and

Major Sign Major in the loading dock area for each department will carry the department sign to the stage and hand it to the Faculty Marshal (M1). The reader will announce each department. The reader will allow time for faculty to switch to greet their students as they exit the stage.

Major Sign - The student at the beginning of the line for each major will carry the major sign to the stage and hand it to the Faculty Marshal (M1) to announce each major. The reader will announce each major.

Reader Card Each student will be given a reader card to fill out when they line up. Each student will give the card to the Faculty Marshal (M1) when it is their turn to cross the stage so their name can be read.

Dept. of Biological Sciences
 Biological Sciences
 Marine Biology

Dept. of Cell & Molecular Biology
 Cell & Molecular Biology
 Medical Laboratory Science

Dept. of Environmental & Natural Resource
 Economics
 Environmental & Natural Resource Economics

Dept. of Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Sciences
 Animal Science & Technology
 Aquaculture and Fishery Technology

Dept. of Geosciences

Dept. of Marine Affairs
 Marine Affairs (B.A.)
 Marine Affairs (B.S.)

Dept. of Natural Resources Science
 Environmental Science & Management
 Wildlife & Conservation Biology

Dept. of Nutrition & Food Sciences
 Nutrition & Dietetics

Dept. of Plant Sciences & Entomology
 Plant Sciences

2016 CELS Marshals	Department	Phone Number	Email	Marshal for the CELS 2016 Commencement Ceremony?
Alison Roberts	Biological Sciences	874-4038	aroberts@ui.edu	Yes
Gregory Paquette	Cell & Molecular Biology	874-2315	gpaquette@ui.edu	Yes
Lenore Martin	Cell & Molecular Biology	401-874-5019	Martin@ui.edu	Yes
Simona Trandafir M2	Environmental and Natural Resource Economics	401-874-7428	simona@ui.edu	Yes
Tony Malillo- M1	Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Science	4-4658	tonym@ui.edu	Yes
DAWN CARDACE	Geosciences	401-874-9384	cardace@ui.edu	Yes
Peter Paton	Natural Resource Science	401-787-8913	ppaton@ui.edu	Yes
Rebecca Brown	Plant Sciences	4-2755	brownreb@ui.edu	Yes

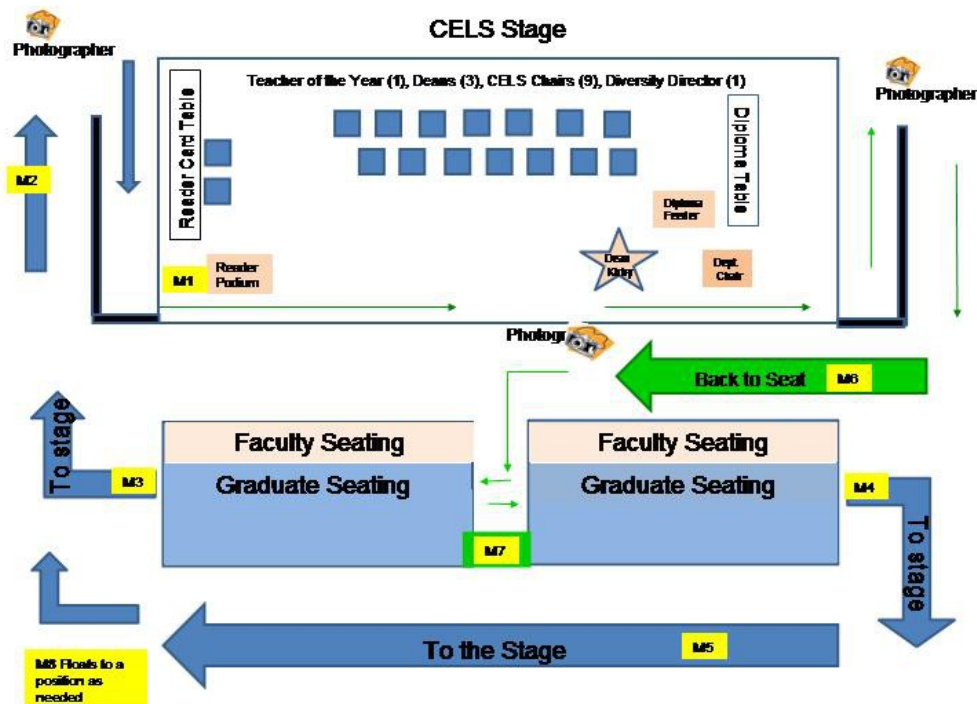
Pre - Ceremony - 4:30-4:45p.m – Marshals assist with student line-up, department/major signs and reader cards.

M1- Commencement Chair - Will lead the line of march to the stage for the recognition ceremony and awarding of degrees. Will take the dept./major signs/reader card from student before they cross the stage. Working with the photographer will control the flow across the stage. Will stand between the card reader and the student.

M2, M3, M4 and M5 – will control the flow of the graduation line to the stage.

M3 - Will establish the line of march beginning with the first row of the section on the left (facing the stage). Make sure the first student has the Department of Biological Sciences and Biology B.A. major signs.

M4 – Following the left section will establish the line of march beginning with the first row of the section on the right (facing the stage). Make sure the first student has



Welcome and Congratulatory Address, Dean Kirby

Recognition Ceremony

-Cording ceremony—Coastal, Energy and Science & Engineering Fellows will be asked to stand up. **M1** will lead students to the stage. Student will hand the **Reader Card** to the reader who will read the name. Student will walk across the stage, receive the cord from Dean Kirby, and **M6** and **M7** will guide student back to their seat. Marshals will make sure the student has filled out another **Reader Card** for the Awarding of Degree.

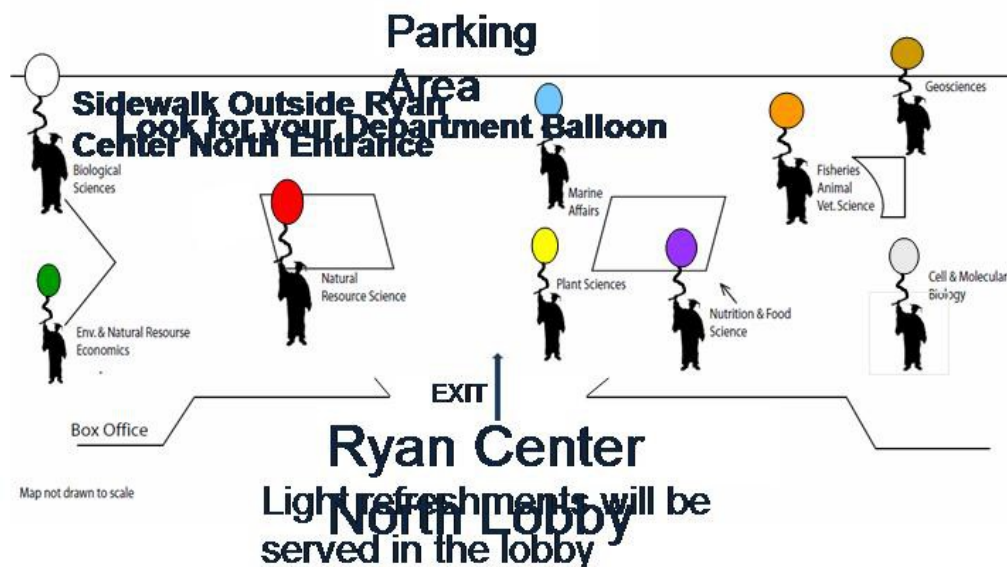
-Non-Traditional Student(s)—Will be asked to stand up to be recognized for their achievement. Name, major and achievement will be announced.

-Veterans—Will be asked to stand up to be recognized for their achievement. Name, major, branch of service, rank and tour of duty will be mentioned.

Awarding of Degrees

M1 will lead the graduation line starting with Biology B.A. graduates onto the stage. **M3** and **M4** will make sure the student at the beginning of each department/major have the **Department** and **major** signs to hand to **M1** right before they cross the stage. Reader will state department so Faculty are able to form the greeting line to shake hands with students as they exit the stage. **M6** and **M7** will guide students down the center aisle back to their seat.

Department Meeting Locations for Post Ceremony Photo Opportunities with Faculty





The **URI Commencement** website includes everything you need to know related to the Graduate and Undergraduate Ceremony- eligibility, caps and gowns, photographs, accommodations, parking, maps, travel and more: <http://web.uri.edu/commencement/>

For More Information Contact:
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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2016 CELS COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE

Kim Anderson (Admin)
Simona Trandafir (ENRE)
Merrill Maben (Student-BIO)
Jasmine Miller (Student-BIO)
Tony Mallilo (chair)
VACANCY (CELS)