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CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting – January 19, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018 in CBLS 100, Dean John Kirby presiding. The following faculty and professional staff members were present: Adams, Becker, Bidwell, Bourassa, Bozzi, Brackee, Brown, R., Camberg, Cardace, Conover, Couret, Dalton, Davis, Dewsbury, Dondeti, Duhaime, Dutta, Engelhart, Fastovsky, Faubert, Fontes-Barros, Forrester G, Gerber, Ginzburg, Gold, Gomez-Chiarri, Grandidge, Gregory, Hamidzada, Hoffman, Irvine, Karako, Kellogg, Kirby, Kolbe, LaBash, Laliberte, Lane, Lang, LeBrun, Link, Lundgren, Martin, McDuffie, McLean, McWilliams, Mendenhall, Menzies, Meyerson, Mitkowski, Moise, Moore, Morreira, Morris, Norris, Palmer, Petersson, Pradhanang, Preisser, Prior, Proestou, Puritz, Putnam, Radin, Roberts, Sartini, Savage, Sheely, Silvia, Southern, Stolt, Sullivan, Sun, Tewksbury, Thornber, Trandafir, Travis, Van Buren, Van Sciver, Veeger, Vetvois, Webb, Wetherbee, and Zhang Y.
2. The Minutes from the May 2, 2017 CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting were moved for approval by Corey Lang, seconded by Marta Gomez-Chiarri and approved after minor correction.
3. *Announcements:* Dean Kirby announced three new faculty members joining CELS: Carlos Prada, BIO; Andrew Davies, BIO; Coleen Suckling, FAVS. Josephine Link was awarded a certificate and 10-year pin for dedicated service to CELS and the University.
4. Dean Kirby introduced Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Laura Beauvais who spoke on the topic of new online IDEA Assessment forms. The schedule for trainings will be announced. Students will be able to access the IDEA instruments for two weeks at the end of classes. Codes and passwords will be sent for all in need of access to the instruments. Faculty will need to fill out the course information online to tailor the IDEA instrument to each individual course.
5. Dean Kirby introduced Mr. Daniel Graney, Dean of Students, who spoke about students returning to campus. He discussed the ANCHOR document that has been distributed to all faculty. The intent of the document is to assure that the students are getting the best support that URI can deliver for them. ANCHOR provides a listing of contacts around the University for a variety of issues that may be facing the students. He mentioned that the flu this season is especially severe around campus, and all are encouraged to keep their flu shot up to date and to give consideration to the relatively large number of students out do to the flu. He also spoke of the parking crunch for students. Several spaces have been taken away and students are having difficulty parking, especially during high-demand times of the day.
6. Reports of Standing Committees:
 - a) Curriculum Committee: The Curriculum Committee report was given by Prof. Rebecca Brown. He reported that several courses were approved and forwarded on to the CAC. The Committee report is attached as Appendix 1.
 - b) Research Committee: Prof. Gomez-Chiarri gave the report of the Research Committee. Her report is presented in Appendix 2.
 - c) Associate Dean Sheely gave the report on the Cooperative Extension and Outreach Coordinating Committee. She reported that the year-long Strategic Planning Initiative is finished and the report is at the printers and almost ready for distribution and implementation.

- d) Associate Dean Thornber filling in for provided a brief report of the Space Committee activities over the last year.
 - e) Professor Brown provided the report of the Commencement Committee. The committee is working diligently on preparations for the CELS Undergraduate Ceremony to be held at the Ryan Center at 3:00PM on Saturday May 19. Details of her report can be found here: http://web.uri.edu/celsgov/files/CELS_Commencement_2018.pdf and in Appendix 3. All faculty are encouraged to attend the commencement ceremonies in May.
 - f) Ms. Fontes-Barros presented a brief report of the Diversity Committee. She ask if members of the CELS community would be willing to serve on he Committee.
 - g) Professor Petersson reported that there was no news from the Bylaws and Review Committee.
 - h) Associate Dean Veeger provided a report of the Scholastic Standing Committee, including a report on students that were dismissed.
7. Old Business:
There was no old business
8. New Business:
- a) Kari Van Buren discussed the University-wide Capital Campaign, she introduced Ellen Anderson of the URI Foundation Major Gifts staff who will be serving as Managing Director of Development for Marine and Environmental Sciences.
 - b) CELS Communications Student Gloria Kostadinova introduced her incoming student colleague first year student David Loiselle.
 - c) Dean Kirby announced that there is a new minor in Entrepreneurship that CELS students may be interested in.
9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Rice, Secretary of the CELS Faculty
From notes by Judith Palmer, Executive Assistant to the Dean

APPENDIX 1
CELS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

CELS Curriculum Committee

- Deadline for submission of proposals for Gen Ed courses for 2018-19 is January 29!!
 - Will be reviewed at CELS CAC meeting Feb. 5
 - Must be submitted to Faculty Senate by Feb. 12
- Last chance to submit proposals for consideration by Faculty Senate this year is March 1
 - Proposals submitted to CELS CAC after March 1 will be reviewed by Faculty Senate in September 2018

CELS Curriculum Committee Numbers Fall 2017

- New Courses 13
 - New Gen Ed Courses 8
 - Course Changes 20
 - Temporary Courses 3
 - Program Changes 7
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- Contact Rebecca Brown brownreb@uri.edu if you need to know the current status of any proposals from Fall 2017

APPENDIX 2 CELS RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT



CELS Research Committee

Marta Gomez-Chiarri (Chair, FAVS); David Bidwell (MAF), Simon Engelhart (GEO), Niall Howlett (CMB), Jason Kolbe (BIO), Scott McWilliams (NRS), Jim Opaluch (ENRE), Carol Thornber (Ex-officio)

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- Strategic Plan for CELS
- Creative ideas for galvanizing research
- Barriers to research

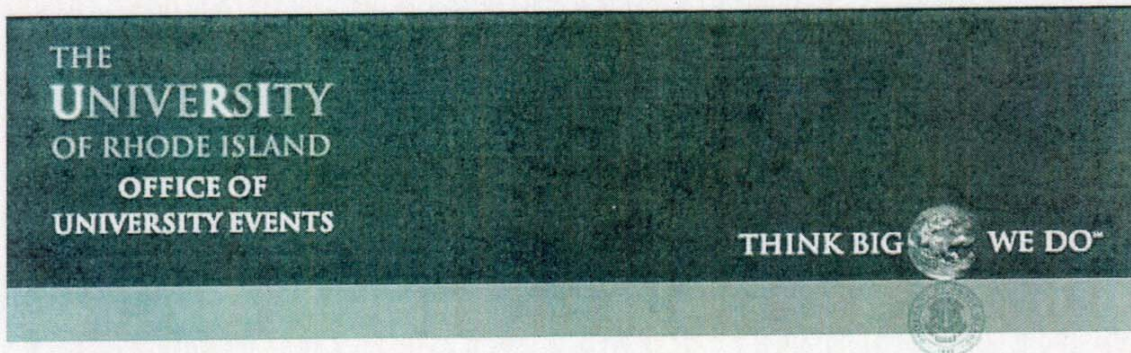
Suggestions

Contact your representative or gomezchi@uri.edu (let us know if you would like to keep any comments confidential)

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APPENDIX 3
CELS COMMENCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT



2018 Commencement Weekend Schedule

Saturday, May 19th

Graduate School Ceremony	The Ryan Center	9:00 a.m.
President's Graduate School Reception	Hope Commons	11:00 a.m.
University Academic Excellence Awards	Edwards Hall	12:30 p.m.
College of the Environment & Life Sciences	The Ryan Center	3:00 p.m.
College of Health Sciences	The Ryan Center	7:00 p.m.
Honorary Degree Recipients' Dinner	Alumni Center	7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 20th

College of Engineering	Keaney Gymnasium	9:00 a.m.
College of Pharmacy	Mackal Field House	9:00 a.m.
Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies	Edwards Hall	9:00 a.m.
Main Commencement Ceremony	Quadrangle	12:30 p.m.
College of Arts & Sciences	Quadrangle Rain Plan: The Ryan Center	After main ceremony
College of Business Administration	Keaney Gymnasium	After main ceremony
College of Nursing	Mackal Field House	After main ceremony