

Agenda
General Faculty - Graduate Faculty Meeting

December 10, 2015

1. Call to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Cherry Auditorium, Chester Kirk Building.

2. A moment of silent remembrance:

Sona Aronian, Professor Emerita of Russian, Comparative Literature, and Women's Studies

Jon C. Boothroyd, Professor Emeritus of Geosciences

Stewart Cohen, Professor Emeritus of Human Development and Family Studies

Leon Goodman, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry

Timothy Hennessey, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Marine Affairs

John A. Knauss, Dean and Professor Emeritus of the Graduate School of Oceanography

Robert Leuci, Adjunct Faculty, Creative Writing, Department of English

Karen Schroeder, Associate Professor Emerita of Human Development and Family Studies

3. Disposition of Minutes of General Faculty - Graduate Faculty Meeting of September 17, 2015 (attached)

4. Approval of degree certification for December 2015:

a. Provost DeHayes: Undergraduate degrees

b. Dean Zawia: Graduate degrees

5. Adjournment immediately followed by the Faculty Senate Meeting

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Kingston, Rhode Island

Minutes
General Faculty - Graduate Faculty Meeting
September 17, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order by Provost DeHayes at 3:03 p.m. in the Cherry Auditorium, Chester Kirk Building.
2. Provost DeHayes asked the faculty to observe a moment of silence in memory of the following faculty members who had passed away since the last meeting of the General Faculty-Graduate Faculty:

Carl Beckman, Professor Emeritus of Plant Sciences and Entomology
Phyllis Brown, Professor Emerita of Chemistry
Concepcion "Connie" Castro, Professor Emerita of Nursing
Margaret "Mimi" Keefe, Professor of University Library
Angaraih Sadasiv, Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering
Mark Wood, Professor of Psychology
William Young, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy

3. The Minutes of the General Faculty - Graduate Faculty Meeting of April 16, 2015 were approved as distributed.
4. Approval of Degree Certification:
 - a. Provost DeHayes moved that the candidates whose names appear on the list of potential undergraduates dated September 15, 2015 and who will be certified for the completion of all degree requirements by the respective college faculties and by Enrollment Services be approved by the University faculty for the degrees indicated. The motion passed.
 - b. Dean Zawia moved to recommend to the Council on Postsecondary Education approval of the candidates for the award of graduate degrees whose names are certified by the Graduate Council and the Graduate School for August 2015. The motion passed.
5. Provost DeHayes introduced the 11th President of the University of Rhode Island, Dr. David Dooley. President Dooley thanked Provost DeHayes and greeted the assembly. He opened his remarks by noting that this new academic year was his 7th as the University President. He said that the past 6 years had been very rewarding and he looked forward to his 7th. The President remarked that the year ahead would be pivotal for the University and reported on a multiyear effort to expand the ranks of the full-time faculty by 31 new faculty positions (65 faculty searches have been authorized for the year) representing an investment of \$6 million in FY16 and FY17.

He said that several of the new positions would be clustered in the area of health sciences and expressed his appreciation to the Senate for its work to create a realignment of the University around health sciences. The President said that there is enthusiasm among external stakeholders across the state about the University having positioned itself to be a leader and an effective partner in addressing health care health issues in a diverse and aging population in a way that protects the well-being of the people and the fiscal well-being of the state. He continued that educating students and performing research in health and health care delivery will be an important contribution on the part of the University. The President reported that the search for the new dean of Nursing was underway and that discussions were ongoing about the Dean of the College of Pharmacy and the Dean of the College of Health Sciences. He reported that, during the fall, there would be an announcement of a Memorandum of Understanding between Brown University, Lifespan, the Providence VA Medical Center, Care New England, and the University of Rhode Island to work collaboratively in the area of neuroscience. Also later in the fall, he said, the work of faculty and students in the health area would be highlighted in a formal announcement of the creation of the health collaborative and institute of health policy research.

The President reported that the University is working with the state to finalize a new capital plan. Future projects include Phase 2 of the new College of Engineering and renovation of the Fine Arts Center. These projects, totaling \$100 million, are planned to be on the November 2016 general election ballot. Other projects in the advanced planning stages are a complete master plan for the Bay Campus and the Graduate School of Oceanography and maintenance of the historic core of the buildings surrounding the quad.

The President reported that he is preparing the budget to be submitted soon to the Council on Postsecondary Education and then to the Governor's Budget Office. He said that the University is seeking to continue increasing its state support in an effort to return to the level of support of some years ago. The current budget support from the state is \$70 million. The goal is to return to \$84 million. The President said that he expected two other items to come before the General Assembly this year: the Higher Education Strategic Plan and performance-based funding. URI was supportive of the performance-based funding bill in last year's session because it made an additional allocation of funding available for higher education and because the bill was coupled with a directive to recommend a funding formula for higher education. The President said he planned to work closely with the Assembly and other leaders to develop a systemic and predictable approach to funding. Faculty input will be sought regarding this piece of legislation.

The President announced the retirement of Vice President Dougan at the end of the year. He described the Vice President as a most important and influential member of the community and a magnificent asset for the students. He said that a search committee has been formed to undertake the difficult work of selecting Vice President Dougan's successor.

The President announced that the University is engaged in the planning processes of the next comprehensive campaign. College deans will be involved to help identify the critical needs of the departments and faculties who make up their colleges. In less than two years, the University will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. This will likely be combined with the timeline and theme of the campaign.

The President closed his remarks by saying that the year ahead will be a very busy and exciting one. The faculty, he stated, are largely responsible for the momentum developed over recent years that he expects will move the institution to a new level of prominence.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. and was followed by a meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff for Joëlle Rollo-Koster, Secretary