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THINK BIG   WE DO⁻

Serial Number #17-18-25B

TO: President David Dooley

FROM: Mark Conley, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Curricular Report No. 2017-18-6 from the Graduate Council to the Faculty Senate: Curricular Changes, is forwarded for your consideration.

2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on <u>February 22, 2018.</u>

3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective March 15, 2018 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.

Mark Conley
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

February 22, 2018

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ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

a. Approved __✓__.

b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary Education ____.

c. Disapproved ____.

Signature of the President

2.28.18
(date)

Graduate Curricular Report # 6
January 2018

SECTION II
Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

Notices of Change:

College of Arts & Sciences

Master's of Library and Information Studies Program (see Appendix A)
Elimination of the comprehensive examinations.

College of Business   (see Appendix B)
Change admissions requirements to:
1. Adding the GMAT/GRE Waivers for "Graduate from an AACSB accredited business program, with a minimum 3.50 GPA."
2. Changing the GMAT/GRE Waivers for "URI graduate (any major) with a minimum 3.60 GPA" to "URI graduate (any major) with a minimum 3.50 GPA"

Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design (see Appendix C)
Drop the requirement for GRE as part of the application process.
New catalog text: "Admission requirements: Bachelor's degree with adequate preparation for the proposed area of study."

College of Engineering

PhD Program in Civil and Environmental Engineering (see Appendix D)
Update program requirements to: "Program requirements: a minimum of 42 credits plus CVE 601 and 602 except for part-time students beyond the M.S. degree. Students take between 18 and 24 dissertation credits; a comprehensive examination; and a dissertation."

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APPENDIX A

Revised 10-2009

Notice of Change for: Requirements for the Masters of Library and Information Studies Program
Date: 10/17/17

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution
   University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college
   Department: Graduate School of Library and Information Studies
   College: Arts and Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.
   Initiation date: September 2018
   First degree date: December 2018

4. Intended location of the program
   Not applicable

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

Per the Graduate School: "In January 2017, the Graduate Council approved a change in policy regarding comprehensive exams. Comprehensive exams for non-thesis Master's students are now optional. A culminating experience (determined by the Graduate Program) is required for all non-**thesis master's programs."**

Students enrolled in the non-thesis MLIS program in GSLIS will still be required to complete a **"culminating experience" by enrolling in** LSC 595: Apply and Reflect or LSC 596: School Library Media Practicum, both of which require an electronic portfolio involving significant **work and demonstration of students' achieve**ment of GSLIS learning outcomes.

If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.

EXISTING CATALOG LANGUAGE:

Program requirements: 36 credits, 18 in required core courses (LSC 502, 504, 505, 508, 557, and 595), except for the School Library Media Track which requires 21 credits of core courses: (LSC 502, 504, 508, 557, and 9 credits of 596). All students are required to take a written comprehensive examination. Up to 6 credits of interdisciplinary study may be taken in courses outside library scienc**e when relevant to the student'** specialization; no more than six credits or two courses may be taken in non-matriculating status for transfer into the degree program.

PROPOSED CATALOG LANGUAGE:

Program requirements: 36 credits, 18 in required core courses (LSC 502, 504, 505, 508, 557, and 595), except for the School Library Media Track which requires 21 credits of core courses: (LSC 502, 504, 508, 557, and 9 credits of 596).~~-~~ LSC 595 and LSC 596 (for School Library Media Track students) serve as the Culminating Experience for all students regardless of start date in the program. LSC 508 is waived for students who began the program in AY 2015-16 and 2016-17~~All students are required to take a written comprehensive examination~~. Up to 6 credits of interdisciplinary study may be taken in courses outside library science when relevant to the **student's** specialization; no more than six credits or two courses may be taken in non-matriculating status for transfer into the degree program.

6. Signature of the President

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David M. Dooley

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APPENDIX B

Revised 8/2016

Notice of Change form

Notice of Change for: College of Business Administration

Date: December 9, 2017

A.   PROGRAM INFORMATION

1.   **Name of institution**
     University of Rhode Island

2.   **Name of department, division, school or college**

     Department: N/A
     College: Business Administration

3.   **Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**

     Initiation date: Immediate
     First degree date: May, 2019

4.   **Intended location of the program**
     Providence

5.   **Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).**
     Adding the GMAT/GRE Waivers for "Graduate from an AACSB accredited business program, with a minimum 3.50 GPA"

     Changing the GMAT/GRE Waivers for "URI graduate (any major) with a minimum 3.60 GPA" to "URI graduate (any major) with a minimum 3.50 GPA"

6.   **If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.**

7.   **Signature of the President**

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     David M. Dooley

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APPENDIX C

Revised 8/2016
Notice of Change form

Notice of Change for: Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design

Date: November 21, 2017

A.   PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution
University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design
College: Business Administration

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: immediate
First degree date: May, 2019

4. Intended location of the program
    Kingston

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).
    Drop the requirement for GRE as part of the application process. Dr. Alycia Mosley presented data on GREs at a TMD Department meeting. All graduate faculty voted not to require the GRE as part of the application due to cost and ineffective prediction as to how well a student will perform in our MS program.

6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.
    Master of Science
    Admission requirements: ~~GRE and a bachelor's~~ Bachelor's degree with adequate preparation for the proposed area of study.

7. Signature of the President

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David M. Dooley

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Notice of Change for: Doctoral Program in Civil and Environmental Engineering
Date: November 1, 2017

A.   PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. **Name of institution**
   University of Rhode Island

2. **Name of department, division, school or college**
   Department: Civil and Environmental Engineering
   College: College of Engineering

3. **Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**
   Initiation date: Fall 2018
   First degree date: Not appliccable

4. **Intended location of the program:** Kingston

5. **Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).**
   Update doctoral program requirements to simplify language and reflect program intent.

6. **If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes indicated in Track Changes.**

   Doctor of Philosophy
   Admission requirements: master's degree in civil or environmental engineering or a related field. Exceptional students with a bachelor's degree will also be considered.

   Program requirements: a minimum of 42 credits plus CVE 601 and 602 except for part-time students beyond the M.S. degree. Students take between 18 and 24 dissertation credits~~, including the two-course minor outside of the candidate's area of specialization, where required by the candidate's committee~~; a comprehensive examination; and a dissertation. ~~Although there is no formal departmental language requirement, the committee may require proficiency with a research tool or in a foreign language.~~

7. **Signature of the President**

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   David M. Dooley