

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE

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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Five Hundred and Sixteenth Report

At the April 21, 2014 meeting of the Curricular Affairs Committee and by electronic communication, the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate.

SECTION I Informational Matters

ONLINE COURSES

The CAC has approved the following courses for online offering:

GWS 350, Special Topics in Women's Studies – Women and Film

COURSE CHANGES

URI 101, change title and description

URI 101, Planning for Academic Success (1 cr.)

Introductory seminar for incoming students, intended to assist in the transition to college, from academic planning to use of resources and programs for academic success. Required of all new freshmen and new transfer students with less than 24 credits. (Seminar) May not be repeated for credit.

WRT 105, delete course

WRT 105, Forms of College Writing

Approved by CAC April 23, 2102 inadvertently left off the 497th CAC report to FS for May 10, 2012 meeting.

TEMPORARY COURSES

BIO 460X Pelagic Ecology (4 crs.)

Explores biodiversity and ecosystem dynamics in oceanic habitats. Emphasizes chemical and physical gradients as they pertain to the distribution and function of organisms and ecosystems. (Lec. 2, Lab. 1, Pract. 1) Pre: BIO 101, 102, 103, 104, and 360.

MAF 340X/SOC 340X Environmental Sociology (3 crs.)

This course will review how human societies interact with the environment, how these interactions lead to ecological and social problems, and how society generates solutions to environmental issues. (Lec. 3) Pre: SOC 100 or permission of instructor.

PLS 395X Agroecology and Global Food Systems (3 crs.)

Agricultural production, food expectations, environmental safeguards, food safety and producer viability continue to grow more complex in a global economy. The student will explore and integrate ecological principals to global system changes. (Lec. 3)

SECTION II

Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

NEW COURSES

PSC 492 Controversies in Political Science (4 crs.)

Significant questions persist in the field of political science. This class brings together conflicting scholarship around debates that drive research in the field: definition, measurement, historical dynamics, causes, and consequences. (Online 4) Pre: PSC 113 and 116.