

## UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FACULTY SENATE

February 18, 2016

### Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee Five Hundred and Thirtieth Report

At the February 1, 2016 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

##### COURSE DELETION

###### A. COLLEGE OF PHARMACY:

PHP/NUR 114 Responsible Health Care (3 crs.)

#### SECTION II Curricular Matters Which Require Confirmation by the Faculty Senate

##### CURRICULAR CHANGES

###### A. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING:

###### 1) Addition of courses to the BS in Chemical Engineering electives for biology and pharmaceutical tracks (Appendix A).

The Department of Chemical Engineering is requesting the addition of courses to the “track electives” for the biology and pharmaceutical tracks. The addition of courses will broaden the students’ experience and reflect trends in similar chemical engineering programs at other universities.

## **B. COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIFE SCIENCES:**

### **1) Change the requirements for the BS in Nutrition and Dietetics (Appendix B).**

We are proposing removing NFS 495 (Applied Nutrition Practicum) as a required course for the Nutrition and Dietetics major. This course provides the opportunity for seniors in the major to gain teaching experience by serving as undergraduate teaching assistants in our large introductory nutrition courses. The practicum course is not being eliminated; it will now be optional for students rather than a requirement. We are requesting this change for two reasons: 1) the Department does not have enough placements for the students enrolled in the major, and 2) some students are not interested in completing a teaching practicum experience.

The Nutrition and Dietetics major has two options: the Nutrition Option and the Dietetics Option. The following degree changes will be made:

- Nutrition Option – NFS 495 (2 credits) will be removed from each track. NFS 276 Food, Nutrition, and People (3 credits) will be added to Introductory Professional Courses, and 1 credit will be removed from Free Electives. A typographical error in the catalog will also be corrected (NFS 459 should be NFS 491 in the Nutrition Science track of the Nutrition Option – NFS 459 does not exist).

- Dietetics Option – NFS 495 (2 credits) will be removed from the Concentration and 2 credits will be added to Free Electives. 2

- Supporting elective credits will be corrected (catalog lists 6-12 credits and it should read 9-18 credits).

### **2) Addition of a Minor in Global Water Resources (Appendix C).**

Faculty comprising of the Water Cluster propose a minor in Global Water Resources (GWR); the effort is led by faculty from the College of Environment and Life Sciences (CELS). GWR students will take courses from across multiple departments in order to gain necessary interdisciplinary skills that are directly relevant to understanding global water issues. Todd Guilfoos, Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, and Soni Pradhanang, Assistant Professor in the Department of Geosciences will serve as the directors of this minor.

The Global Water Resources minor comprises a minimum of 18 credit hours, including three required course, GEO/NRS/EEC 234 Introduction to Water Resources, EEC 430 Water Resource Economics, and one course from a list of three hydrology courses (NRS 461 Watershed Hydrology and Management, GEO 482/582 Innovative Subsurface Remediation Technologies, GEO 484/584 Environmental Hydrogeology). The remaining credits must be taken from a list of approved elective courses. Admission to this minor requires that a student from any URI program has a cumulative grade point average of 2.70 or better after one semester at URI (or as a transfer student with same GPA). Students are responsible for meeting the prerequisite requirements for individual courses, as applicable.

## **C. COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES:**

### **1) Allow College of Health Sciences to award degrees (Appendix D).**

The College of Health Sciences will certify and grant the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Science for majors in Communicative Disorders
- Bachelor of Science for majors in Health Studies
- Bachelor of Science for majors in Human Development and Family Studies
- Bachelor of Science for majors in Kinesiology
- Bachelor of Science for majors in Nutrition and Dietetics
- Bachelor of Science for majors in Psychology
- Bachelor of Arts for majors in Psychology

The new College of Health Sciences was approved by the Board of Education in July 2015. It is composed of six health-related departments--Communicative Disorders, Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology, Nutrition and Food Sciences, Physical Therapy, and Psychology--and one degree-granting program, Health Studies. Five of the departments/programs --Communicative Disorders, Health Studies, Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology, and Physical Therapy-- were part of the College of Human Science and Services, which will be dissolved as of June 30, 2016. Additionally, the department of Nutrition and Food Sciences was part of the College of the Environment and Life Sciences and the department of Psychology was part of the College of Arts and Sciences. Physical Therapy is a graduate program, thus, degrees from this program will continue to be certified and granted by the Graduate School.

## **D. COLLEGE OF HUMAN SCIENCE AND SCIENCES:**

### **1) Change text on URI Transcript to coincide with Rhode Island Department of Education for Undergraduate degrees: (Appendix E – includes graduate programs also)**

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has made changes to certification requirements that impact some of our programs relative to title of certification and grade spans covered. This change does not affect our status as having nationally and state approved teacher education programs but does affect issues such as grade spans for programs or the individual nature of certifications.

It is important that these changes be made to be consistent with current licensure requirement. These new titles (e.g., Sub-plan: Physical Education PK-12; Sub-plan: Health Education PK-12); must be accurately represented on students' transcripts or they will be prohibited from obtaining educator licensure.

Health and Physical Education are separate certification areas and programs at URI.

Degree: **Bachelor of Science** and Masters of Arts in Education (MATCP)  
CHANGE from:

Sub-plan: Physical and Health Education, Teacher Education Option K-12  
CHANGE to:  
Sub-plan: Physical Education PK-12  
Sub-plan: Health Education PK-12

Full program changes follow:

I. Updates due to Changes in Rhode Island Teacher Certification Requirements:

Degree: **Bachelor of Arts**

CHANGE from:

Plan: Secondary Education 7-12

CHANGE to:

Plan: World Language PK-12

CHANGE from:

Sub-Plan options: French 7-12, German 7-12, Italian 7-12, Latin 7-12, Mandarin Chinese 7-12, Russian 7-12, or Spanish 7-12

CHANGE to:

Sub-Plan options:

French PK-12

German PK-12

Italian PK-12

Latin PK-12

Mandarin Chinese PK-12

Russian PK-12

Spanish PK-12

Degree: **Bachelor of Science** and Master of Arts in Education (MATCP)

Change from:

Sub-plan: Physical and Health Education, Teacher Education Option K-12

Change to:

Sub-plan: Physical Education PK-12

Sub-plan: Health Education PK-12