

## Rhode Island College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

### Minutes for the Meeting of

18 March 2016

2:00-4:00 P.M.

Board of Governors Room

**Members Present:** S. Abbotson, S. Breene, P. Cordeiro, S. Dixon, D. Espinosa, D. Halquist, C. H. Leung, J. Magyar, C. Marco, C. McLaughlin (Secretary), S. Mueller, R. Pitt, E. Simson, G. Stillwell, B. Ullah

**Student Members:** P. Hurd; J. Sherry

**Members Excused:** C. Cummings, B. MacDonald, S. Ross

**Guests:** 0

1. Call to Order: 2:05
2. Motion to Approve the Minutes: Meeting of 19 February, 2016 (Magyar/ Mueller)  
Approved with 2 Abstentions
3. Report of the Chair
  - Progress report on Academic RhodeMaps
    1. 18 approved maps have been sent to Karen Rubino
    2. 29 are in progress
    3. Discussion: Possible new section to archive Word formatted RhodeMaps so that they can be revised as programs change
  - Call for nominations for 2016-2018 UCC seats
4. Report of COGE – No Report
5. Report of Writing Board – No Report
6. Old Business  
None
7. New Business.

#### **English**

##### **Motion to Approve 15-16-054:** (Magyar/Espinosa)

- 15-16-054 Approve revisions to ENGL 491 and 492 descriptions and prerequisites.

**Discussion:** Request to revise to the descriptions and prerequisites of ENGL 491 and 492. 491 informs students that they should have completed 12 hours of 300/400 level English courses before they can pursue this option.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

##### **Motion to Bundle and Approve 15-16-055 and 15-16-056:** (Mueller/Espinosa)

- 15-16-055 Approve revisions to the BS Chemistry Concentration in Biochemistry, including changing its title, switching in a new course, and changing when two other courses are offered.
- 15-16-056 Approve new course CHEM 419 Biochemistry Mechanisms

**Discussion:** **#055** Requests changes to the biological chemistry concentration to make the growing program more accessible to prospective students and provide a stronger foundation in mechanistic biochemistry without increasing the major. **#056** Requests the addition of CHEM 419 which will be an advanced biochemistry course that will be required in the biological chemistry concentration,

replacing the CHEM 420 requirement and will provide a mechanistic approach to central pathways of metabolism.

**Action:** Unanimously Approved

8. Motion to adjourn. 2:14 (McLaughlin/Mueller)