

Graduate Committee Minutes - May 2, 2014

Present: E. Anthony, K. Brabeck (*for C. Boisvert*), G. August, L. Church (*Secretary*), M. Darcy (*Chair*) J. Dagle (*Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences*), C. Marco, J. Nimmagadda, C. Padula, A. Welsh (*Student Representative*), R. Potter (joining Fall 2014)

Excused: L. Schuster (*Interim Dean of Graduate Programs, Ex-Officio Member*), R. Franzblau

Guest: Paul La Cava

- 1) Approved the minutes of April 4, 2014
- 2) Report of the Chair of the Graduate Committee
 - a) Introduce and welcome new 2014/15 Graduate Committee members – Russell Potter FAS, Christina Tortolani FSEHD, Debby Servello, SON (Fall 2014)
 - b) Accept nominations and hold elections for 2014/15 Graduate Committee Chair, Secretary and Executive Board member. Election results are as follows:
Jayashree Nimmagadda, Chair
Russell Potter, Secretary
Gerri August, Executive Board Member
 - c) New members may select to stay or go as we continue May agenda; R. Potter remained.
 - d) Executive committee review of Graduate Committee Manual
 - i) Voting for elections – properly reported in the electronic version; an electronic edit will be made to the PDF version to correspond with the on-line Graduate School Manual voting rules
 - ii) Hybrid courses (UCC) – voted to approve update to Graduate Studies Manual to reflect Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) method of instruction definitions for distance and hybrid online courses at Rhode Island College
- 3) Report of the Dean of Graduate Studies (DGS) – reported on her behalf in her absence:
 - a) International students – manual available online
 - b) CollegeNet update – 2 meetings are scheduled with Charlie Gentile; please try to attend. Bring questions, concerns, and any changes that need to be made to your CollegeNet webpages
 - c) Graduate Assistants – extended borrowing privileges now allowed at the library. Parking committee hasn't met yet, so the parking issue is unresolved.
 - d) Reminder: There is a six year time limit for finishing a graduate program, but seven year for doctoral studies. The doctoral program rules should be reflected in the Graduate School Manual. This should be brought up to the full committee for appropriate changes/updates in Graduate Student Manual.
- 4) Old Business
- 5) New Business
 - a. Curriculum review
 1. 13_14_G36_revise_NURS_511_611_621 **Approved**
 2. Catalog 13_14_G36_revise_NURS_511_611_621 **Approved**
 3. 13_14_G37_revise_CGS_Middle_level_SPED **Approved**
 4. Catalog_13_14_G37_revise_CGS_Middle_level_SPED **Approved**
 5. 13_14_G38_revise_SPED_424 **Approved**
 6. 13_14_G39_revise_SPED_427 **Approved**
 7. 13_14_G40_revise_SPED_664 **Approved**
 8. Catalog_13_14_G38_to_40_Course_Desc_SPED_424_427_664_and_MEd_change **Approved**
 - b. Process of reviewing Individualized Graduate Programs. Discussion regarding proposed change to Section X, B. of the Graduate Studies Manual. **Approved**
 - c. Graduate assessment of programs
 - d. Course scheduling – challenges of graduate programs complying with new time block schedule
- 6) Announcements
 - a) Grad Symposium – May 6 Please try to attend (student committee member Amanda Welsh will be presenting her research).