

Rhode Island College Graduate Committee
Meeting Minutes

October 7th, 2016

Members Present: Marie Wilks, Caroline Caswell, Gerri August, Chris Marco (chair), Leslie Schuster (non-voting), Deborah Siegel, Elizabeth Holtzman

Members excused: Lisa Church, Cheryl Williams, Elisa Miller

Guests: Mikaila Arthur and Jill Harrison (proposal), Alexis Gorton (minutes taker)

Meeting called to order at 10:05.

- A. Approve minutes from prior meeting (Seigel; August)
VOTE: Approve= 5; Reject=0; Abstain=1
- B. Announcements/Report of Chair
 - a. Still working on student representative
 - b. IGP Committee Members: Chris Marco (FAS), Elizabeth Holtzman (FSEHD), Lisa Church (SOM), Marie Wilks (SON), Leah Holmes (SSW).
 - c. The website has been updated with current meeting dates and membership.
 - d. Membership term expirations: CM noted that all FAS and FSEHD member terms expired within the same year. Would be better for them to be staggered. C. Marco and G. August offered to exchange term expiration years. C. Marco's membership will now expire in 2018 and G. August will expire in 2017. Both can renew for a new term, if they wish.
 - e. Courses Not Offered in 3 Years: Routine clean-up of catalog. List of courses was sent to the Deans for review.
- C. Report of Dean of Graduate Studies
 - a. L. Schuster met with President Sanchez about activities and resources to create new supports for Graduate Studies. A \$15,000 Research and development fund for graduate students will be developed to support research and academic endeavors.
 - b. Open house brochures are being printed; digital versions will be available soon
- D. Old business: Will revisit graduate student survey at later a date
- E. New business

Motion to bundle & approve proposals 1617-001 through 1617-011 (Wilks; Caswell).

- 1617-001: MA in Justice studies program (add information about jobs outlook)
- a. 1617-002: SOC 501 Professional Writing for Justice Services (add that is required within first 2 semesters)
 - b. 1617-003: SOC 504 Advanced Quantitative Analysis (ok)
 - c. 1617-004: SOC 509 Advanced Criminological Theory (broaden course description)
 - d. 1617-005: SOC532 Advanced Qualitative Methods (ok)
 - e. 1617-006: SOC533 Evaluation Research (ok)
 - f. 1617-007: SOC536 Current Legal Issues (ok)

- g. 1617-008: SOC551 Topics in Criminology (create a set of 55x courses that map more clearly onto the 300-level courses.)
- h. 1617-009: SOC591 Directed Readings (ok)
- i. 1617-010: SOC592 Masters Thesis (ok)
- j. 1617-011: SOC593 Final Project (slight rewording of course description)

VOTE: Approve pending revisions noted above= 5; Reject = 0; Abstain= 0.

F. Other new business

- a. None

G. Adjournment: 11:45 am