

Rhode Island College Graduate Committee Minutes
November 1, 2019
Gaige Hall 005

Members Present: Deb Britt, Michelle Barrus (Student Representative), Monica Darcy (Chair), Elizabeth Holtzman, Kara Misto, Jenn Meade, Leo Pinheiro, Leslie Schuster (Non-voting), Joe Zornado
Absent: Ying Hui-Michael
Guests: Alexis Gorton-Rogel (Minutes), Justin Dilibero (Proposal)

- I. Call to order (10:05)
- II. Approve minutes from prior meeting (Britt, Misto)

Action: 6 Approved, 2 Abstain. Approved.

III. Report of Chair

1. CRCA and Spring expo 4/27
 - i. Little historical graduate participation in CRCA spring expo. This is likely due to the Grad Symposium being a very similar event with a closely scheduled date. It is not being suggested that they be combined, but that it would be a good chance to connect undergraduates and graduate programs.
 - ii. There may be issues due to CRCA expo running during the semester while graduate students are still attending courses and wrapping up the course.
 - iii. Creating a graduate studies presence – maybe a panel? – to create a graduate student panel.

IV. Report of Dean of Graduate Studies

1. Dean's Meeting – discussion on cancelation of courses and class sizes. Requested coordination between program director and Dean when class cancelations are being considered, instead of communicating through chairs.
 - i. Suggestion to return to enrollment trend reports
2. Complications with Graduate Student Fund (Research, Events, etc) was converted to coming out of Student Activities fee. Meeting with Dean of Students, Finance and SCG has prompted complications, but funding requests are being approved going forward.
3. Graduate Assistant proposals are due November 3rd.
4. Campus Climate Survey > will be meeting with L4L Graduate Navigator to create proposals for addressing student feedback. Will provide a summary of the Graduate Student responses and possible interventions for December meeting.

V. Old business

1. Posthumous recognition on Grad Level; on hold - UG policy through Council; not yet posted in MAPP – will be carried forward until UG policy is in place.
2. Graduate course size recommendations; on hold - UG policy not through Council.

VI. New Business

1. Proposals (Misto, Holtzman)
 - i. 1920_03 DNP Admission and offering changes
 - ii. 1920_03 catalog DNP Admission and offering changes, 1920_04 catalog NURS 524 new course, 1920_05 NURS NA credit changes, 1920_15 NURS 570 Prereq Change (Bundled)
 1. 1920_03: Changing language to recognize flexibility of clinical hours. Adjusting catalog page to reflect policies in DNP student handbook.

2. 1920_05: Adjustments to credit hours to match accreditation requirements. Change would be happening for Fall 2020.
3. 1920_15: One of the pre-requisites is listed incorrectly in the catalog. The other portion of the proposal addresses a DNP 550 course has been running as pilot and will now become a permanent component.

Action: Approved Unanimously

- iii. 1920_06 ELED 500 course title change, 1920_07 ELED 522 course title change, 1920_08 ELED 527 course title change, 1920_09 ELED 528 course title change, 1920_10 ELED 537 course title change, 1920_11 ELED 538 course title change, 1920_12 ELED 569 course title change, 1920_13 ELED 554 course creation, 1920_14 ELED MAT program changes (Pinheiro, Zornado)
 1. Changes come from the overall FSEHD overhaul in response to RIDE requirements for certification.
 - a. Previously two tracts: 1) Typical student, two year program. 2) Intensive program, one summer and one full year. Most students were completing intensive program, causing complications between the two tracts.
 - i. 1920_14: Changes the program to one tract.
 - ii. Course changes proposal: not impacting content, but updating titles to reflect the content more clearly to students.
 - iii. 1920_13: Was a 9 credit student teaching seminar – 7 credit was for student teaching, 2 credits for student teaching seminar. This is an additional 2 credit seminar to better prepare students for entering the classroom in a more reflective way. Would be an Early Spring course preceding the semester students are starting student teaching.

Action: Approved Unanimously

2. Provisional admit –address PS “coding”, matriculation, plan of study
 - i. Still being worked on with Records. Tabled.

VII. Other business/topics for future discussion

1. Electronic signatures
 - i. Tabled for next meeting. Will discuss updated digital Plan of Studies and suggestions on how to structure advising consistently.
2. Open House – January 14th, 2020
3. Mission Statement

VIII. Adjournment (11:32)