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I. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017 in Library Conference Room A, Professor English presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Cardany, Gordon, Izenstark, King, McClure, Opaluch, Stout, Swaszek, Vice Provost Beauvais, Director Goldsmith, and Mr. John Rooney. Ms. Neff, Faculty Senate Office, was also in attendance.

The following members were absent: Professors Dorado and Ferguson.

Acting Chair English called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. The Minutes of Meeting #5, January 30, 2017 were approved.

III. REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At the January meeting, the Committee requested the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to consider the consequence of evening exams on students attending other courses. Acting Chair English reiterated Chairperson Sullivan’s email regarding the accommodations made by the Math Department. The Math department holds additional proctoring exam hours for students not able to make the scheduled evening exam times due to other scheduled courses. Discussion ensued. Director Goldsmith informed the Committee that the Academic Testing Center (ATC) is open (http://web.uri.edu/atc/) and discussed the procedures for having exams scheduled. A suggestion was made to consider having a mechanism for evening exams to be incorporated as part of the registration process, similar to scheduling lecture and recitation times, which would eliminate course time conflicts. The topic of evening exams may need to be addressed in the University Manual. Ms. Neff suggested that the Committee might refer these issues back to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

The Committee considered the revisions to the proposal for OCG 150, Coastal Oceanographic Data in RI Waters. The Committee requested additional information on the safety training process and discussed if the instructor has had kayak safety training, if URI liable if something happens, and does URI have a safety supervision protocol in place? Vice Provost Beauvais volunteered to contact the proposer. The Committee requested a poll be sent to the Committee upon receipt of the safety training explanation.

V. NEW BUSINESS:
A. NEW COURSES:

The Committee reviewed the proposals for the creation of ASL 101, American Sign Language I and ASL 102, American Sign Language II. The Committee requested the prerequisite for ASL 102 be changed to “ASL 101 or equivalent.” Both proposals were approved contingent upon the request for the creation of the course code being approved at the March meeting.

The Committee discussed the proposals for the creation of permanent courses for BUS 149, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, BUS 247 Business of Innovation: The Design Process, BUS 348, Business of Innovation: Social Design. The courses were approved upon confirmation that any overlap issues with other business courses had been resolved. (See post-script.)

The Committee considered the proposal for BUS 249, Business of Innovation: Lean Startup. The proposal form contained typographical errors - ENG 325 should be EGR 325, and BUS 247 should be BUS 249. The Committee requested clarification of the experiential learning portion of the course and the meaning of the acronym of GAPP in the student learning outcomes. Professor English volunteered to follow up. The proposal was tabled until the March meeting.

The Committee reviewed a proposal for CSF/CSC 462, Secure Programming. The Committee requested an explanation of the lab component, a rephrasing of the participation paragraph on the syllabus, and the updating of broken links in the University Course Policies section. Professor Izenstark volunteered to contact the proposer. The proposal was tabled until the March meeting.

The Committee discussed the proposal for the creation of EDC 100G, Great Public Schools: Everyone’s Right? Everyone’s Responsibility? Professor English volunteered to contact the proposer regarding the paragraph on technology being out of date. The proposal was approved.

The Committee considered the proposal for JOR 433/BES 533, Using Multimedia to Communicate Science. The proposal was approved and will be forwarded to the Graduate Council.

The Committee discussed the proposal for MTH 453, Basic Random Processes. The Committee expressed concerns of overlap with STA courses and requested an acknowledgement from the chair of the department. They also questioned how this course will fit in the upcoming new degree program. Professor English volunteered to contact the professor. The course was tabled until the March meeting.

B. COURSE CHANGES:

The Committee considered the proposal to change the title, description, and prerequisite for CSF 102, Fundamentals for Cyber to Security, to CFS 102, Computer Systems Fundamentals. The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee reviewed the proposal to change the course number, title, and prerequisites for HPR 201, Honors Colloquium to HPR 230G, Honor Colloquium in STEM. The proposal was approved.

The Committee discussed the proposal to change the course number, title, and prerequisites for HPR 201, Honors Colloquium to HPR 233, Honor Colloquium in STEM and Information Literacy. The Committee approved the proposal.

The Committee requested EDC 250, Supervised Preprofessional Field Experience be considered as a
course change rather than a consent item. The proposal requested a change of method of instruction from Practicum to Lecture, Recitation. The Committee was unclear of why this change was being pursued. Professor Cardany explained that Music Education program needs a certain number of practicum credits in order to meet accreditation standards. She is concerned that this proposed change may have a negative effect on that requirement, as EDC 250 is a requirement of all Music Education students. Professor Cardany agreed to follow up. The proposal was tabled until the March meeting.

C. CONSENT ITEMS:

The proposal to add a BIO cross-listing to CMB 320, Introduction to Computational Biology, was considered and approved by the Committee.

D. ONLINE COURSES:

The Committee tabled the proposals to add online sections for AST 108, Introductory Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies, and AST 118 Introductory Astronomy: The Solar System. The online supplement forms for both courses were incomplete, and neither have undergone the Quality Matters Review process as indicated on the forms.

The Committee approved the proposal for an accelerated online section of HIS 346, Immigration, Ethnicity and Race in America.

E. PROGRAM PROPOSALS:

1) College of Arts and Sciences:
The Committee considered the proposal for changes to the Minor in Cyber Security. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

The Committee discussed the proposal for changes to the Minor in Digital Forensics. The proposal was approved.

The Committee reviewed the request to include information for a criminal background check into 5-year Medical Physics program. The Committee approved the proposal with the correction of the typo listing HIPPA rather than HIPAA.

2) College of Pharmacy:
The Committee considered a Notice of Change to clarify existing catalog copy for the College of Pharmacy regarding student interviews, readmission, and study abroad/international experiences. The proposal was approved.

F. UNIVERSITY MANUAL:

Coordinator Neff spoke to the Committee about the need for the University Manual to reflect a procedure for Undergraduate Certificates. She presented manual language to the Committee. After discussion the Committee approved the language with the understanding that it would be forwarded to the Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual (CBUM) Committee for possible editorial revision.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lawrence
POST-SCRIPT TO JANUARY 27, 2017 MEETING

1) Email confirmation was received on March 2, 2017, from Professor Dorado that all overlap concerns had been addressed satisfactorily for BUS 149, 247, 249, and 348.