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**Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP)  
Thursday, April 28, 2016**

**3:00 PM, President's Conference Room, Green Hall**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Donald DeHayes, *Provost and Chairperson*, Linda Welters, *Vice Chairperson*, Marilyn Barbour, Laura Beauvais, James Kinnie, Kyle Kusz, Ann Morrissey, Gerald Sonnenfeld, Naomi Thompson, and Nasser Zawia. Vanessa Garcia from the Student Senate was also in attendance.

**Members Absent:** Susan Trostle Brand, Mary Jo Gonzales, Damon Rarick, Mary Sullivan, George Tsiatas, and Annemarie Vaccaro.

**Guest:** Professor Matthew Bodah

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM. The minutes from the JCAP meeting of February 25, 2016 were approved.

**2. Announcements**

- a. Provost DeHayes welcomed Vanessa Garcia from the Student Senate to the meeting.
- b. Provost DeHayes congratulated JCAP member Professor Marilyn Barbour on having been selected to receive the 2016 Sheila Black Grubman Faculty Outstanding Service Award.
- c. Provost DeHayes announced that the upcoming commencement ceremonies would feature impressive, high profile speakers. Dr. Richard Tapia, professor in the Department of Computational and Applied Mathematics at Rice University was scheduled to give the graduate commencement speech on Saturday, May 21. On Sunday, May 22, the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor would present the undergraduate commencement speech. Dr. Tapia and Justice Sotomayor were scheduled to receive honorary degrees at the ceremonies.

### **3. Ongoing Business**

- a.** Vice Provost Beauvais introduced Professor Matthew Bodah who, she said, would lead URI's self-study effort for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation evaluation. The Vice Provost said that Professor Bodah would organize committees and coordinate the preparation of the self-study report to be completed by April 2017. The site visit would take place in October 2017. Professor Bodah reported that he had been working with Vice Provost Beauvais to form committees to address each of the 9 standards for accreditation. Each committee would be assigned a leader and would carry out its work over the summer. He reiterated that the self-study would be due in April 2017 and that the data forms would be due in May 2017. He reviewed the committee structure and noted those individuals who had agreed to chair or co-chair a committee. He reviewed the nature of the information covered in each of the standards. Professor Bodah left the meeting at 4:00 PM.
- b.** Provost DeHayes reported that 21 proposals, totaling over \$1 million, had been submitted for consideration to the Innovation Fund II (\$90K available). The Provost reviewed the three proposal categories: innovations in pedagogy; innovative research, scholarship, and creative work; and innovative business processes/streamlining. The Provost suggested that JCAP members organize into groups to evaluate the proposals. Two review groups of 4 members per group were created. Discussed followed about ranking, rating, and evaluating the proposals. Groups would rank the top 3 proposals and report their decisions to the Provost. The Provost would make final selections and notify proposers by June 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

