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**Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP)
Thursday, December 17, 2015**

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

Minutes

Attendance: Donald DeHayes, Provost and Chairperson, Marilyn Barbour, Laura Beauvais, James Kinnie, Ann Morrissey, Gerald Sonnenfeld, Linda Welters, Nasser Zawia. Daniel Graney represented Mary Jo Gonzales; Fernando Guzman represented Naomi Thompson.

Members Absent: Susan Trostle Brand (for Norma Owens), Kyle Kusz, Damon Rarick, Mary Sullivan, George Tsiatas, Tammy Vargas Warner.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:09 PM. Minutes from October 22 and November 12, 2015 were approved.

2. Announcements

It was announced that Provost DeHayes and Senate Vice Chairperson Welters had presented the final draft of the Academic Strategic Plan 2016-2021 to the Faculty Senate at their December 10 meeting. The Senate approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the 2016-2021 Academic Plan evolved from widespread input and collaboration from task forces comprised of faculty, students, staff, and representatives of the URI Foundation, And,

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee on Academic Planning has provided detailed direction and guidance to the Academic Plan, And

WHEREAS, the Academic Plan is essentially a document not meant to be a prescriptive plan, but rather a dynamic guide open to modification over time,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Faculty Senate of the University of Rhode Island agrees to advance the goals of the Academic Plan and supports continuing efforts by the Provost, Deans and Faculty to work on accomplishing those goals.

The Provost said that the Academic Plan was nearly complete. He intended to write acknowledgements. He thanked the JCAP members for their efforts.

3. New Business

Professor Fay-Wolfe (Computer Science and Statistics) presented a pre-proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Computer Science Teaching. He described the program as graduate training for elementary and secondary school teachers to teach Computer Science. He said that there is a growing demand in schools for such teachers. Five new 500-level courses are being developed (to be cross-listed with Education) for the certificate and a new course code (CSE) is proposed. Courses will be team-taught by URI Computer Science faculty (subject matter content) and URI School of Education faculty (teaching pedagogy). Courses will have significant on-line content with limited face-to-face meetings to allow flexibility K-12 teacher schedules. Discussion followed. JCAP members asked questions. JCAP recommended the following:

- Be familiar with the Guidelines for Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate programs found in Appendix J of the Graduate Manual
- Consult with Senior Assoc. Director of Enrollment Services, Jack Humphrey, regarding the availability and choice of the new courses code, CSE
- Request the new course code, CSE, on a separate Notice of Change form
- Process course proposals in advance of or along with the program proposal
- Prepare the program proposal on the Abbreviated Program form
- Consider maximizing the potential of this certificate by creating a bridge from its completion to a graduate degree
- Consider maximizing the potential of this certificate by addressing NEASC requirements of dual enrollment faculty and developing possible pathways to qualify those earning this certificate for teaching in dual enrollment programs

- Include information regarding RIDE standards for teachers of Computer Science in the high school setting

4. Ongoing Business

- a. The Provost informed Committee members that two versions of the Academic Plan would be published. An abbreviated version, describing the goals and strategies, would be made available for external constituents. The Provost said that, with the Plan complete, the Committee would need to address the metrics and develop key indicators. He also said that addressing the streamlining goal would be a priority.
- b. The Committee discussed plans for the Academic Summit, to be held on January 22, 2016, and how to engage with the theme, Big Innovative Ideas. The schedule of speakers and format were reviewed. Provost DeHayes and Vice President Sonnenfeld jointly offered to make funds available, totaling \$10,000, to award to the four or five best ideas as voted on by those in attendance at the event. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.