Rhode Island College Graduate Committee

Meeting Agenda

March 6, 2020

Gaige Hall 005

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes from prior meeting.
3. Report of Chair
   1. February 7, 2020 Grad Committee meeting was cancelled – there were no pending curriculum proposals
4. Report of Dean of Graduate Studies
   1. Grad Symposium
5. Old business
   1. Posthumous recognition on Grad Level; see below

Undergrad recognition approved and included in MAPP in August 2019

1. New Business
   1. Proposals –
      1. 1920\_38 SWRK 655 New course
      2. 1920\_38 catalog SWRK 655 New course
      3. 19\_20\_39New CGS COD and MH
      4. 19\_20\_39catalog New CGS COD and MH
      5. 1920\_40 SOC 535 New course
      6. 1920\_40 catalog SOC 535 New course and MA Justice Studies
   2. Memorial Recognition of Graduate Achievement - draft

This recognition acknowledges the academic achievements of graduate degree students enrolled at the college at the time of their death and commemorates those achievements for the benefit of the students’ families and the campus community. The graduate student must have been enrolled at the time of death, unless their continuous enrollment was interrupted by injury, illness or deployment and close to completion of degree requirements.

1. Tabled/future business
   1. Provisional admit –address PS “coding”, matriculation, plan of study
   2. Electronic signatures
   3. Review/ revise comp, thesis, major project section of Grad Manual
   4. Mission Statement
2. Adjournment

Spring 20 meeting dates

4/3; 5/1

Exec comm

3/20; 4/17

Graduate Committee page [HERE](http://w3.ric.edu/graduate_committee/Pages/default.aspx) Grad Manual HERE

From Mapp [http://www.ric.edu/academics/Documents/AcademicPoliciesProcedures2019.pdf](http://w3.ric.edu/academics/Documents/AcademicPoliciesProcedures2019.pdf)

10.5.f.

Posthumous Degrees: Rhode Island College seeks to recognize the academic achievements of undergraduate degree students who were enrolled at the college at the time of their death and to commemorate those achievements for the benefit of the students’ families and the campus community. In keeping with the college’s standards for academic integrity, this policy is designed to establish consistent criteria and procedures for the awarding of a posthumous degree or certificate of attendance. This policy does not apply to the awarding of a posthumous honorary degree.

Procedures and Criteria

1. Upon notification of a student’s passing, the provost or his/her designee will review the student’s record to determine eligibility for either a posthumous degree or certificate of attendance.
2. The student must have been enrolled at the time of death, unless their continuous enrollment was interrupted by injury, illness, deployment, etc.

Guidelines

1. The student must have been in good standing with the college at the time of death. For undergraduate students, good standing is defined as both good academic standing, minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA (not on probation, suspension, dismissal, expulsion) as well as financial good standing. In the case of a posthumous certificate, the student may be on Probation I.

2. The student must have satisfied the college’s requirements for earned credits in residence (30 credits).

3. An undergraduate student must have earned 90 credits to be eligible for a posthumous degree. In cases where it is determined the student did not meet the credit requirement listed above, a posthumous certificate of attendance may be awarded if the student has completed a minimum of 60 credits at the college. The posthumous certificate recognizes a student’s significant progress toward the attainment of a degree. The posthumous certificate will indicate the student’s major.

The provost or the designee determines if the student qualifies for the awarding of a posthumous degree or certificate of attendance and forwards a recommendation to the president for final approval. The director of records updates the student’s records and the bursar removes any outstanding balances, including loan cancellations.