



**Rhode Island College**  
**Graduate Committee Minutes**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting**

Members Present: Michelle Barrus (Student Representative), Deb Britt, Monica Darcy (Chair), Elizabeth Holtzman, Ying Hui-Michael, Jenn Meade, Constance Milbourne, Kara Misto, Leslie Schuster (Non-voting), Joe Zornado

Guests: Alexis Gorton-Rogel (Minutes), Anita Duneer, Justin DiLibero, Gerri August (Incoming Members)

**First meeting: Elect officers for 2020/21 year (10 minutes)**

1. Call to Order (10:04)
2. Introduce 2020/21 members
3. Elect officers for 2020/21  
Chair  
Nomination: Leonardo Pinheiro (Misto, Meade)  
*Action: Approved Unanimously*  
Executive Committee  
Previous members: Monica Darcy, Jenn Meade (August, Pinheiro)  
Nomination: Justin DiLibero (Meade, Darcy)  
*Action: Approved Unanimously*

4. Adjourn (10:19)

**Second meeting: Final meeting of the 2019/20 committee (10:10 am)**

1. Call to order (10:30)
2. Approve minutes from prior meeting. (Misto, Meade)  
*Action: Approve 7, 2 Abstain with date change*
3. Report of Chair – 2020/21 committee members

Member (expiration)	Department	Constituency
Leonardo Pinheiro (2021)	Math and Computer Science	Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Anita Duneer (2022)	English	Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Deb Britt (2022)	Biology	Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Monica Darcy (2022)	Counseling, Educational Leadership & School Psychology	Feinstein School of Education and Human Development
Ying Hui (2022)	Special Education	Feinstein School of Education and Human Development
Gerri August (2022)		Feinstein School of Education and Human Development
Jenn Meade (2022)	Social Work	School of Social Work

Justin DiLibero (2021)	Nursing	School of Nursing
Constance Milbourne (2021)	Management and Marketing	School of Business
Michelle Barrus (2021)	Graduate Student	Appointed by VPAA
Leslie Schuster	Dean of Graduate Studies	<i>ex officio</i> ; non-voting

Thanks to departing members Joe Zornado, Elizabeth Gibbons Holtzman, and Kara Misto.

Committee Specific Updates.

Pending Issues to be considered for next year. Priority is digitalizing GCC proposal forms  
 GCC Proposal Forms have been updated to provide guidance on information needed for OPC approval. Forms will be implemented in the Fall.

#### 4. Report of Dean of Graduate Studies

Symposium has been cancelled, some programs doing smaller private events. Updates on commencement specific to Graduate Students being prepared. Future of Research and Travel Funds is uncertain, but currently still being discussed. Graduate Assistantship positions are still in place.

#### 5. Old business

#### 6. New Business

Proposals:

- 1920\_78 BSN to DNP program proposal (Misto, Britt)
- 1920\_78 catalog BSN to DNP program proposal
- 90 Credit Graduate program leading from BSN to DNP.

COA (Accreditation board for Nurse Anesthesia programs) is requiring that all students entering programs as of January 2022 must graduate with a Doctorate. This will also align with field standards for current program offerings nationwide. Committee Member asks for clarification on how this will impact current MSN programs. K. Misto explains that it will not affect students as the same courses will still be offered. Committee Member asks for clarification on removing Genetic course that is required in current Master's level course for the proposed DNP course. J. DiLibero explains that this content is included in the other coursework and will be covered to the same extent but will just not be in an isolated course.

*Action:* Approved Unanimously

Tabled/future business:

- Memorial Recognition/ Graduate Achievement – tabled for presentation to CAPP until Fall 20.
- Provisional admit –address PS “coding”, matriculation, plan of study.
- Electronic signatures.
- Review/ revise comp, thesis, major project section of Grad Manual.
- Graduate Studies Mission Statement.

Adjournment (11:37)