UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

To: Members of the 2008-2009 Graduate Council

From: Harold Bibb, Associate Dean  
Keith Killingbeck, Associate Dean

Date: 8 December 2008

RE: Agenda for Meeting Number 432 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday 15 December 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Alumni Center, Upper College Road

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 431, 24 November 2008 (please see attachment)

III. Announcements

   A. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty
      Mahamad Riyaz Basha, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
      Brian Savage, Adjunct Professor, Department of Geosciences  
      Frank Asche, Adjunct Professor, Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics  
      Surendra Sharma, Adjunct Professor, Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences  
      Luo-Ping Zhang, Adjunct Professor, Department of Marine Affairs

IV. New Business

   A. Annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools, 2-6 December 2008 – a brief report.

   B. Consideration of new guidelines recommended by the Graduate Manual Revision Committee (GMRC) regarding thesis/dissertation proposals -- discussion.

V. Committee Reports

   A. Curriculum Committee (please see attachment)

      1) College of the Human Science and Services  
         Department of Human Development & Family Studies

      HDF 550 Vocational Information and Career Development -- delete this course.
HDF 551  **Counseling Theory and Techniques** – change in prerequisites to read: Pre: Graduate standing and permission of instructor.

HDF 560  **Group Procedures and Leadership** – change in prerequisites to read: Pre: Graduate standing and permission of instructor.

HDF 562  **Organization Development in Human Services and Education** – change in prerequisites to read: Pre: Graduate standing and permission of instructor.

HDF 573  **Legal Issues in Higher Education** – change in prerequisites to read: Pre: Graduate standing and permission of instructor.

HDF 575  **Cultural Competence in Human Services** – change in prerequisites to read: Pre: Graduate standing and permission of instructor.

2) College of the Environment and Life Sciences  
Department of Biological Sciences

New Courses

**BIO 480/580 Community Ecology (3)**  
This course explores community ecology, with an emphasis on interspecific interactions (competition, predation, mutualism), species diversity, succession, niche theory, and island biogeography. Format includes lecture, case studies, and discussion. Pre: BIO 262 or permission of instructor.

VI.  **Old Business**

VII.  **Adjournment**