UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

To: Members of the 2012-2013 Graduate Council  
From: Nasser Zawia, Dean  
Keith Killingbeck, Associate Dean  
Date: 16 November 2012  
RE: Agenda for Meeting Number 467 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday 19 November 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the circular Conference Room of the Alumni Center (note: this will be the only meeting of the academic year that will be held in this room).

I. Call to order  
II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 466, 22 October 2012 (minutes will be sent separately)  
III. Announcements  
   A. Recent additions to the Graduate Faculty  
      JESSICA LIBERTINI  MATHEMATICS  10/19/2012  
      PATRICIA CIOE  NURSING  11/1/2012  
      MATTHEW HARE  FISHERIES, ANIMAL & VET SCI  11/8/2012  
      JOHN TRIMBUR  ENGLISH (W&R)  11/13/2012  
   C. Graduate School Commencement; graduate student update on the selection of a keynote speaker  
IV. Committees  
   A. Curriculum Committee -  
      I. 400 – level courses  
      Changes:  
      1) College of Engineering  
         Mechanical, Industrial and Systems Engineering  
      ISE 411 Probability and Statistics for Engineers – change in course code from ISE 411 to ISE 411 (or MCE 411).  
      ISE 460 Product Design for the Environment – change in course code from ISE 460 to ISE 460 (or MCE 460).  
      2) College of the Environment and Life Sciences
**Geo 465 Introduction to Geophysics** – change of credits from 3 to 4, change in title to Geophysics, and change in catalog description and prerequisites to read: Physical properties and exploration of the Earth’s solid interior through geophysical techniques with application toward plate tectonics and subsurface imaging. Topics include gravity, magnetics, seismology, heat-flow, and plate tectonics. Pre: GEO 103, PHY 112 or 204, and MTH 132 or 142; or consent of instructor.

**II. 500/600-level courses**

**Changes:**

1) College of Human Science and Services
   Kinesiology

**KIN 559 Principles of Exercise Testing and Interpretation** – change in prerequisite to read: Pre: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.

**KIN 562 Advanced Exercise Physiology** – change in prerequisite to read: Pre: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.

**KIN 564 Physiology of Aging** – change in prerequisite to read: Pre: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.

**KIN 565 Cardiovascular Disease: Prevention and Rehabilitation** – change in prerequisite to read: Pre: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.

2) College of Nursing
   Nursing

**NUR 621 Nursing Theory & Research in the Client Domain** – Course to be deleted

**NUR 631 Nursing Theory & Research in the Client-Nurse Domain** – Course to be deleted

**NUR 641 Nursing Theory & Research in the Practice Domain** – Course to be deleted

**New Courses**

1) College of Nursing
   Nursing

**NUR 611 Theories and Research in the Nursing Domains (3)**

Study of Kim’s nursing knowledge domains: client, client-nurse, practice, environment. Emphasis is on identification of phenomena of interest, concepts of interest, evaluating theories and related research for further theory development. Pre: Enrollment in PhD program or permission of the instructor.
Additional Curricular Matters

TO: CELS Curriculum Committee

FROM: Jay Sperry, Chairman, Cell and Molecular Biology

Greg Paquette, Director of Graduate Studies, Medical Laboratory Science

DATE: September 12, 2012

RE: Medical Laboratory Science Graduate Program Requirements

We recommend the following revision:

FROM: "Program requirements: MLS 510, 512, 513, and 551 (or BIO 437, MIC 534, MLS 590, 591, and 594 for cytopathology),...."

TO": "Program requirements: MLS 510, 512, 513, and 551 (for cytopathology: MLS 512 and any BCH, MIC, or MLS graduate courses approved by the program committee),...."

The graduate Medical Laboratory Science Program offers four specializations: biotechnology, cytopathology, medical laboratory sciences, and public health laboratory science. All of the specializations, except cytopathology, are offered on a part-time, evening, three-year basis at the Providence Campus. Cytopathology consists of a one-year, full-time, accredited, 24-credit internship. In addition, they need 15 credits of additional course work. Because the cytopathology cycle does not fit the cycle of the other specializations, more flexibility in what courses will satisfy the requirement is needed. This revision provides a greater flexibility in course selection as well as more latitude in the program meeting the professional goals of the students.

This proposal has been reviewed by the faculty in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology and has been approved.

B. New Program Committee -

Consideration of the proposal for a ‘Graduate Certificate in GIS and Remote Sensing.’

V. Report on proposals previously approved by the Council, and vetted at the 15 November 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate

A. Section 4.70.10 of the University Manual

A complete revision of Section 4.70.10 of the University Manual was discussed thoroughly by the Graduate Council at three meetings. The revision below was passed unanimously by the Council on 24 September 2012.

4.70.10 The Graduate Faculty. Graduate Faculty Status is afforded to faculty members of the University who establish and maintain significant scholarly activity in
their field. Its importance lies in the fact that it is a requirement for serving on the research or examination committees of graduate students. All faculty are eligible to be nominated for Graduate Faculty Status by the Chair or Director of the department, school, or program in which they have a formal appointment. A letter of nomination submitted to the Graduate School along with a current curriculum vitae of the faculty member serves to initiate the review process. Nomination is automatic for newly hired tenure-track faculty. Criteria for appointment to the Graduate Faculty focus on the educational background of the faculty member, their past and present scholarly accomplishments, and their ability to serve as capable mentors of students pursuing graduate degrees. The expectation is that faculty a) have earned the highest degree available in their discipline, b) have published or produced products that contribute to their discipline or have distinguished themselves as leading practitioners in their discipline, and c) have the talent to be effective educators to students of the University enrolled in graduate degree programs. Periodic review of Graduate Faculty Status is required. Renewal will be reviewed during each normally scheduled College review of a faculty member. Requests for non-renewal of Graduate Faculty Status will be initiated by the Dean of the College in which the faculty member resides, and will be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School who will then approve or reject the request.

B. Section 8.81.62 of the University Manual

The implications of Section 8.81.62 of the University Manual regarding graduate courses were discussed thoroughly by the Graduate Council. The revision below was passed unanimously by the Council on 24 September 2012.

8.81.62 Any course for undergraduate credit only not taught for two successive calendar years and not scheduled for the third year shall be deleted from the public list of curricular offerings (Official University Catalog). Enrollment Services shall determine annually which of these courses will be scheduled for the following academic year as requested by the department chairs or college deans. Courses not scheduled will be considered suspended and will remain on the Enrollment Services non-public list for 4 years. If the suspended course is offered any time during the four-year period, it will be returned to the public list of curricular offerings (University Catalog). If the suspended course is not offered within 4 years it will be considered deleted and may not be offered without approval as a new course.

8.81.63 Any course for graduate credit not taught for four successive calendar years and not scheduled for the fifth year shall be deleted from the public list of curricular offerings (Official University Catalog). Enrollment Services shall determine annually which of these courses will be scheduled for the following academic year as requested by the department chairs or college deans. Courses not scheduled will be considered suspended and will remain on the Enrollment Services non-public list for 3 years. If the suspended course is offered any time during the three-year period, it will be returned to the public list of curricular offerings (University Catalog). If the suspended course is not offered within 3 years it will be considered deleted and may not be offered without approval as a new course.
VI. Old Business

A. The issue of whether a faculty member should be considered an ‘inside’ or ‘outside’ member of a student’s program committee has been a topic of discussion recently, especially since the College of the Environment and Life Sciences has decoupled their graduate programs from strict departmental affiliations. We would like to begin a discussion of this issue with the hopes of gleaning insights from the Council that provide potential alternatives to the present policy.

B. ‘Last Semester Status’ – an explanation of this policy and a discussion of whether this policy should legitimately apply to students in non-thesis programs.

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment