UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

To: Members of the 2012-2013 Graduate Council

From: Nasser Zawia, Dean
Keith Killingbeck, Associate Dean

Date: 18 April 2013

RE: Agenda for Meeting Number 472 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday 22 April 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the rectangular Board Room of the Alumni Center. There will be a special ‘thank you’ reception after the meeting.

I. Call to order

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 471, 25 March 2013

III. Announcements

A. Recent additions to the Graduate Faculty

SIMONA TRANDAFIR    ENV. & NAT. RES. ECONOMICS    3/27/2013
PAUL ANDERSON        BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES           4/2/2013

B. Thank you to the persons leaving the Council at the end of this meeting – your contributions are much appreciated.

Noel Burgess, Terry Deeney, Brian Gallagher, Mayrai Gindy, Scott Martin, Gerhard Muller, Henry Oppenheimer, David Faflrik, Kyle Skully, and Gary Stoner.

C. Update – speaker for graduate commencement

D. Announcement of the winner of the 2013 Graduate School Excellence in Doctoral Research Award – Dr. Yuhong Liu, Department of Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering. Dissertation title = “Digital Trust and Reputation: Applications and Security Issues.” Dr. Liu was nominated by her major professor, Yan Sun.

IV. Committees

A. Curriculum Committee -

I. 500/600 – level courses

Changes:

1) College of Business Administration

MBA 555 Managerial Economics – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 504 or 534, 550 or 535, 560 or 536.

MBA 562 Global Supply Chain Management – change in prerequisites to read: 560 or 536.
MBA 565 Strategic Management – change in prerequisites to read: All M.B.A. 500 first level courses or equivalent and a minimum of 21 M.B.A. credits which must include MBA 502 or 532, 503 or 533, 504 or 534, and 505, or permission of instructor.

MBA 566 Security and Investment Analysis – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 504 or 534.

MBA 567 Advanced Portfolio Theory and Security Analysis – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 504 or 534 or equivalent.

MBA 568 Advanced Financial Theory – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 504 or 534 or equivalent.

MBA 569 Advanced International Financial Management – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 504 or 534 or equivalent.

MBA 577 Compensation Administration – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 502 or 532 or permission of instructor.

MBA 578 Human Resource Development – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 502 or 532 or permission of instructor.

MBA 579 International Business Management – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 502 or 532 or permission of instructor.

MBA 580 Management Systems Analysis and Design – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 550 or 535 or permission of instructor.

MBA 583 Seminar in Operations and Supply Chain Management – change in prerequisites to read: MBA 560 or 536 or permission of instructor.

MBA 593 Internship in Business Administration – change in catalog description to read: (3-6 crs.) Participation in business administration under the field supervision of a sponsoring organization with evaluation by the College of Business Administration. (Independent Study) S/U credit.

MBA 594 Internship in Business Administration – change in catalog description to read: (3-6 crs.) Participation in business administration under the field supervision of a sponsoring organization with evaluation by the College of Business Administration. (Independent Study) S/U credit.

2) College of Human Science and Services Education

EDP 692, 693 Directed Readings and Research Problems – change in prerequisites to read: EDP 611 and permission of instructor; or permission of Co-Directors of Ph.D. in Education program and instructor.

**New Courses:**

1) College of Business Administration

MBA 532 Organizational Behavior for Healthcare Professionals (3)
Examination of the theory, research and practice of organizational behavior in health care organizational settings. Focus on individual differences, communications, group dynamics, motivation and leadership in the workplace.

MBA 533 Financial Accounting for Healthcare Professionals (3)
Learn to prepare, interpret and use health care financial reports. Pre: MBA500 or permission of instructor.

MBA 534 Financial Management for Healthcare Professionals (3)
Learn operational knowledge of healthcare financial management theory concepts, and apply in a healthcare environment. Pre: ECN590, MBA500, MBA503 or MBA533, or permission of instructor.

MBA 535 Information Resources for Healthcare Professionals (3)
Concepts of information technology and information systems in the context of a healthcare organizational environment.

MBA 536 Healthcare Operations & Supply Chain Management (3)
Learn the factors that impact the design and management of healthcare operations and supply chains. Pre: MBA500 or permission of instructor.

MBA 537 Managerial Accounting for Healthcare Professionals (3)
Learn to identify, explain, and use managerial accounting information needed by an organization’s management for decisions in a health care environment.

2) College of Arts and Sciences
Writing and Rhetoric

WRT 595 Master's Portfolio Research in Rhetoric (1-6)
Number of credits is determined each semester in consultation with major professor or program committee.

V. Topics for Discussion – Revisitation of the CELS “inside-outside” committee member discussion.

Please see the attached compilation of some of the letters received by the Graduate School from CELS faculty regarding the recent Council decision to define “outside committee members” for CELS student committees as faculty from outside of CELS.

VI. Topics for Discussion – The Graduate School Manual

A. Consideration of a change to Section 7.56 in the Graduate School Manual that pertains to the submission of dissertation proposals. The wording below after “TO” is based on suggestions from the Graduate Council at our February and March meetis. No change is proposed for the ‘one-semester’ policy for master’s proposals.

FROM -- “In all cases, however, the proposal must be submitted at least one semester before the semester in which the dissertation itself is to be submitted and defended.

TO -- In all cases, however, the proposal must be submitted a) during or before the seventh semester in which a doctoral student is enrolled in their program, and b) at least ..... possible choices [A] = two semesters before the
semester in which the dissertation itself is to be submitted and defended; \([B] = 6, 8, \text{ or } 10\) months before the dissertation is defended.

The section as it reads now is reproduced in its entirety below

“7.56 Dissertation Proposal. A dissertation proposal is required of all doctoral students and is intended to describe a problem to be investigated and provide details regarding how the research will be performed and reported. Approval signifies that it meets the standards of the University of Rhode Island for the doctoral degree. The proposal should present the required information as concisely and clearly as possible. The ability to describe concisely a research problem and methodology is one of the skills that the dissertation proposal process is designed to develop. Therefore, dissertation proposals are limited in length to the signature cover-sheet plus 15 or fewer double-spaced, numbered pages in a font size no smaller than 12 point. Proposals longer than this will not be accepted, however, appendices and references are not included in the 15-page limit. Proposals should be submitted before substantial research has been completed, typically during the first or second semester in which the student registers for research credits. In all cases, however, the proposal must be submitted at least one semester before the semester in which the dissertation itself is to be submitted and defended. Complete details for the appropriate development, preparation, and submission of a dissertation proposal can be found on the Graduate School website (www.uri.edu/gsadmis/). Proposals will be returned for revision if they do not contain the appropriate sections described in the Proposal Instructions.”

B. Programs of Study - possible wording changes are provided below for Sections 7.43 and 7.52 of the Graduate School Manual. The words underlined represent the possible changes.

7.43 Program of Study. It is in the best interests of graduate students to be guided in their work by a well-designed Program of Study. Each student enrolled in a master's degree program shall submit four signed copies of a Program of Study to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval. Students must submit a Program of Study as soon as is practicable, but not later than the end of the third semester of their enrollment as full time students or by the end of the fourth semester of enrollment as a part-time student. Failure to submit a Program of Study during this period may result in enrollment blocks or suspension of graduate study until such a program is submitted. (see Section 9.10 for course distribution requirements). Signatures required include those of the student, major professor, and the Graduate Program Director or department Chair. The Program of Study includes courses that are to be taken for program credit, and those that are to be taken without program credit to remedy deficiencies, or for the student’s personal satisfaction. Courses that are to be taken without program credit must be so designated before they are taken if failing grades are not to be included in the calculation of the student’s overall grade point average, except as provided in Section 9. After a program has been approved, changes can be made by submitting a revised Program of Study for approval to the Dean of the Graduate School, signed by the major professor, the student, and the Graduate Program Director. Forms to be used for submitting the Program of Study are available at the Graduate School website.
7.52 Program of Study. Each doctoral student shall submit a Program of Study to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval. Students must submit a Program of Study as soon as is practicable, but no later than the end of the third semester of their enrollment as full time students or by the end of the fourth semester of enrollment as a part-time student. Failure to submit a Program of Study during this period may result in enrollment blocks or suspension of graduate study until such a program is submitted. After a program has been approved, changes can be made by a petition for approval to the Dean of the Graduate School, signed by all members of the doctoral committee, the student and the Graduate Program Director. Each doctoral student shall submit at least six copies (three copies plus one copy for each member of the Ph.D. committee) of the Program of Study signed by all members of the doctoral committee (see 8.43.2), the student, and the Graduate Program Director. The Program of Study should specify the courses that are to be taken for program credit (see Section 9.20 for course distribution requirements) and those that are to be taken without program credit, to remedy deficiencies, or for the student’s satisfaction. Courses in the Program of Study listed to be taken without program credit must be so designated before they are taken; if they are not, grades in these courses will be included in the calculation of the student’s Grade Point Average. Forms to be used for reporting the Program of Study are available at the Graduate School website (www.uri.edu/gsadmis/).

VII. Policies Guiding Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment

XI. Thank you reception