UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

To: Members of the 2013-2014 Graduate Council  
From: Nasser Zawia, Dean  
        Keith Killingbeck, Associate Dean  
Date: 18 September 2013  
RE: Agenda for Meeting Number 474 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday 23 September 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the rectangular Board Room of the Alumni Center.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 473, 9 September 2013

III. Announcements
A. Recent additions to the Graduate Faculty

   MARY GREANEY  KINESIOLOGY  9/6/2013
   DARREN BECK  KINESIOLOGY  9/6/2013
   TAO WEI  ELECTRICAL, COMP, & BIOMED ENG  9/18/2013

B. Update - graduate commencement speaker.
C. Update - Enhancement of Graduate Research Awards
D. Update - Graduate Faculty Summit, 15 October 2013

IV. Committees
A. Report of the Nominating Committee (August, Kogut, Lovett, [NZ, KK]) -

   Potential Committee Assignments

   New Graduate Programs Committee -- August, Faflik, Kogut, Thoma, and Skully
   Graduate Curriculum Committee -- Englander, Hutchison, Lohmann, and Peno
   Policies, Standards, & Appeals Committee -- August, Coppa, Peno, and Sheinen
   Scholarship, Fellowship, & Excellence Awards Committee -- entire Council
   Graduate Assessment Committee -- Greenfield, Lovett, McClure, Sterne, and Martin

IV. Topics for Discussion – The Graduate School Manual
A. GSM Sections 7.43 and 7.52 -- Programs of Study - possible wording changes are provided below. 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 (delete) 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/).

V. Policies Guiding Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs

Initial discussion of specific policies that the Policies, Standards, & Appeals Committee will use to develop an appendix to the Graduate School Manual that will cover all aspects of URI Post-baccalaureate Certificates. For example, will students in certificate programs be required to be continuously enrolled after they begin their program? Will they need to maintain a Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher to be eligible to receive a Certificate? Should applications for entry into certificate programs be accepted at any time (i.e., without an application deadline)? These are just a few of the issues we need to resolve.

Perhaps our guiding principle should be to keep our certificate policies as identical to graduate degree policies as possible.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment