UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

To: Members of the 2014-2015 Graduate Council

From: Nasser Zawia, Dean
Keith Killingbeck, Associate Dean

Date: 19 November 2014

RE: Agenda for Meeting Number 485 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday 24 November 2014 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 484, 27 October 2014

III. Announcements

A. Recent additions to the Graduate Faculty

BREEA GOVENAR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 11/18/2014
JOHN ANDRIES CHEMICAL ENGINEERING 11/18/2014
CHRISTOPHER MELHUS PHYSICS 11/18/2014
MICHAEL BELAND PHYSICS 11/18/2014
EDWARD WALSH PHYSICS 11/18/2014
MICHAEL PRICE PHYSICS 11/18/2014
JAMES BRINDLE PHYSICS 11/18/2014
NOLAN GAGNE PHYSICS 11/18/2014
TEVEN CROCKER OCEAN ENGINEERING 11/19/2014
DANIEL UDWARY PHARMACY 11/19/2014

B. Graduate School Manual, Fall 2014 Edition, is now live

C. 2014 Graduate School Summit -- update

D. Enhancement Grants (EGRA Program) – reviewer’s scores for 2014

IV. Committees

A. Nominating Committee - selection of a speaker for the 2015 Graduate Commencement

B. New Program Committee

1) Graduate Certificate in Community Planning

2) Master of Science in Dietetics

3) Master of Science in Finance

C. Curriculum Committee

400-level courses
Changes

1) College of Engineering
   Electrical Engineering

ELE 427: Electromechanical Systems
Course to be deleted.

ELE 428: Electromechanical Systems Laboratory
Course to be deleted.

New Courses:

1) College of the Environment and Life Sciences
   ENRE

EEC 430: Water Course Economics
This course will analyze the economics of valuation, management, and
distribution of water resources using economic theory and case studies to
evaluate water policies and their effect on society. Pre: EEC 105 or ECN 201 or
permission of instructor.

500/600-level courses

Changes:

1) College of Human Sciences and Services
   Human Development and Family Studies

HDF 578: Ethical, Legal, and Profession Concerns in Family Therapy
Change in pre-requisites to “Graduate standing or permission of instructor.”

1) College of Nursing

NUR 660: Philosophical Foundations of Health Care
Change in title to Philosophical and Theoretical Bases of Health Research and
change in credits from 3 to 4.

New Courses

1) Graduate School of Oceanography

OCG 530: Principles of Ocean Circulation
Provides a dynamic framework for understanding ocean circulation. Covers how ocean circulation is observed, wind and buoyancy-forced circulation, water-mass formation processes, heat/fresh water transport, mixing, and meridional overturning circulation. Pre: OCG 501

**Additional Curricular Matters**

1) College of Nursing
   Nursing Program Changes

   **Notice of Change – Increase of 1 credit to the PhD program in Nursing**
   
   **Date:** April 6, 2014

   **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

   1. **Name of institution**
      University of Rhode Island

   2. **Name of department, division, school or college**
      Department: Nursing

   3. **Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**
      Initiation date: Spring 2015
      First degree date:

   4. **Intended location of the program**
      Kingston

   5. **Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).**
      One of the required core courses, NUR 660, is being increased from 3 credits to 4 credits, thus increasing the number of credits in the PhD program by 1 credit, from. Rationale for this change is included in the course change form for NUR 660.

      **If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.**

      **Existing (note: this is currently incorrect)**
      Program requirements: a minimum of 37 credits of course work, including core courses in nursing (13 credits) and cognates (6 credits); electives in nursing (9 credits) and in research methods (6 credits); free electives (3 credits); and 18 credits of doctoral dissertation research

      **Proposed**
      Program requirements: a minimum of 35 credits of course work, including core courses (10), other required nursing courses (13), electives in research methods (6 credits), electives in statistics (3), free electives (3 credits); and 18 credits of doctoral dissertation research

   6. **Signature of the President**
Notice of Change – Increase of 1 credit to Post MS Doctor of Nursing Practice degree

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   Department: Nursing

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.
   Initiation date: Spring 2015
   First degree date:

4. Intended location of the program
   Kingston

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).
   One of the required core courses, NUR 660, is being increased from 3 credits to 4 credits, thus increasing the number of credits in the Post MS DNP program by 1 credit, from 40 to 41. Rationale for this change is included in the course change form for NUR 660.

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Existing (note: this is currently incorrect)
Program requirements: A minimum of 70-73 credits for the Post-BS entry to the DNP and 42 – 45 credits for the Post-MS entry including 500 clinical practicum hours.

Proposed
Program requirements: A minimum of 70-73 credits for the Post-BS entry to the DNP and 41 credits for the Post-MS entry including 500 clinical practicum hours.

6. Signature of the President
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   David M. Dooley

V. Topics for Discussion
A. Methods of updating the Graduate School Manual (GSM) – how should newly approved changes be incorporated into the GSM? In new editions? Immediately?

B. Determining scores for scholarship/fellowship/EGRA nominations/applications -- should rubrics be developed for each rating category to provide some guidance to reviewers?

C. Program Committee structure for students in the CELS Biological and Environmental Sciences degree program – what constitutes ‘inside’ membership?

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment