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 488 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday 23 February 2015 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 487, 26 January 2015
III. Announcements
   A. Recent additions to the Graduate Faculty
      DRU A. SMITH          NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE 1/23/2015
      JAMES ALLAN           HISTORY                  1/23/2015
      DARA SCHNIEDERJANS    BUSINESS                2/3/2015
      STEPHEN ATLAS         BUSINESS                2/3/2015
      ANDREW DILL           BUSINESS                2/3/2015
      JOHN NI               BUSINESS                2/3/2015
      EMILIJA DJURDJEVIC    BUSINESS                2/3/2015
      NATALIE SABIK         KINESIOLOGY             2/3/2015
      DEBORAH SHEELY        NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE 2/16/2015
   B. Nominations from the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools -- 13 dissertation nominations received in the area of ‘Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering.’
   C. Selection of a speaker for the 2015 Graduate Commencement -- update
   E. Development of a task force to tackle the issue of assistantship distribution -- update.
   F. Meeting with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
   G. Position opening in the Graduate School.
IV. Committees
   A. Curriculum Committee (full proposals can be found as an attachment to the message announcing the agenda for the February meeting of the Graduate Council, and in your Sakai site under ‘Grad Curricular Proposals Resources’

Changes

College of Human Science and Services
Human Development and Family Studies
HDF 577 Seminar: Topics in Higher Education  
Change in title to: “Topics in Human Development & Family Studies”  
Change in description to: “Recent developments and current issues in Human Development and Family Studies. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. (Seminar)”

**New Courses**

College of Arts and Sciences  
Computer Science and Statistics

**CSF 590 Cyber Security Internship**  
This course provides each student with a professional experience working on an internship, applying technical and professional cyber security skills. (4) Pre: CSF 430.

B. New Program Committee (the full proposals are attached to your electronic message announcing the agenda for the February meeting of the Graduate Council, and can be found in your Sakai folder under ‘New Program Proposals Resources)  

There is one new program proposal to consider – Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Hydrology.

**V. Topics for Discussion**

A. Should theses/dissertations be allowed to be permanently embargoed? This question arises from a student request to permanently embargo a dissertation.

B. Program Committee structure for students in the CELS Biological and Environmental Sciences degree program.....what constitutes ‘inside’ membership? -- models from other universities to help guide the discussion.

C. Intellectual Opportunity Credits – what constitutes a “student’s major field of study?”

D. Emerging issue -- students who have completed all of the credits for a post-graduate certificate before being admitted to the certificate program, and then wanting to take the certificate after the fact, yet with nothing left in which to enroll (other than CRG 999)  

E. The development of rubrics to be used by reviewers of EGRA applications – questions to be answered.

**VI. Old Business**

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Adjournment**