To: Members of the 2015-2016 Graduate Council

From: Nasser Zawia, Dean
Andrea Rusnock, Associate Dean

Date: 21 September 2015

RE: Agenda for Meeting Number 491 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday 28 September 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Alumni Center

I. Call to order, welcome, and introductions of Council members

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 490, 20 April 2015 (please see attachments)

III. Approval of Graduate degree certification for Summer 2015: Dean Zawia

IV. Announcements
   A. Announcement of the winner of the Distinguished Achievement Rising Star Award for 2015:
      Dr. Robinson W. Fulweiler, MS Oceanography 2003; PhD Oceanography 2007
   
   B. Enhancement of Graduate Student Research Awards (EGRAs)
      Deadline: 12 October 2015
   
   C. Enrollment and Admissions Update
   
   D. Transform Update
   
   E. Keith’s Retirement Party: 8 October 2015, 4:00-6:00 pm
   
   F. Graduate Faculty Summit: 14 December 2015
G. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty since those listed on the agenda for last April’s Council meeting.

LYNNIE TRZOSS  PHARMACY  5/4/2015  
THOMAS SHARLAND  MATHEMATICS  5/5/2015  
WILLIAM KINNERSLEY  MATHEMATICS  5/5/2015  
MICHAEL BARRUS  MATHEMATICS  5/5/2015  
VASILIJE PEROVIC  MATHEMATICS  5/5/2015  
PETR PYSEK  NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE  5/6/2015  
JAMES CRONIN  BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  5/6/2015  
DEBASHISH BHATTACHARYA  BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  5/7/2015  
MELISSA OMAND  GSO  6/4/2015  
ANTON POST  GSO  6/5/2015  
WILLIAM PALM (EMERITUS)  MECH, IND, & SYST ENGINEERING  6/8/2015  
STEPHEN JORDAN  MECH, IND, & SYST ENGINEERING  6/12/2015  
JAMES LEBLANC  MECH, IND, & SYST ENGINEERING  6/12/2015  
THOMAS J. MCGREEVY, JR. NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE  7/9/2015  
KATE B. CAREY  PSYCHOLOGY  7/16/2015  
ERICA SCIOLI-SALTER  PSYCHOLOGY  7/16/2015  
SARAH ZYLINSKI  BIOLOGY  7/27/2015  
XINYUAN CHEN  PHARMACY  7/31/2015  
A. DAVID RODRIGUES  PHARMACY  8/14/2015  
ELIN TORELL  MARINE AFFAIRS  8/17/2015  
BARBARA PIERCE  NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE  8/25/2015  
JUSTIN WYATT  COMMUNICATION STUDIES  9/4/2015  
SCOTT KUSHER  COMMUNICATION STUDIES  9/4/2014  
MICHELLE FLIPPIN  COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS  9/4/2015  
AMANDA COWAN  BUSINESS  9/8/2015  
AUSTIN HUMPHRIES  BIOLOGY  9/9/2015  
GEORGES TSAFACK  BUSINESS  9/9/2015  
CHRISTY ASHLEY  BUSINESS  9/9/2015  
ANNA ALDERKAMP  BIOLOGY  9/10/2015  
COLLEEN DALTON  GEOSCIENCES  9/10/2015  
ANIS TRIKI  BUSINESS  9/10/2015  
GRECHEN MACHT  MECH, IND, & SYST ENGINEERING  9/14/2015

IV. Committees

A. Nomination of a Nominating Committee and solicitation of requests for committee participation

B. Review of charges to and goals of committees for this year’s Council
VI. **New Business**

A. GAU and External Employment of graduate students on assistantships
B. Co-authorship on dissertations

VII. **Old Business**

VIII. **Adjournment**