UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

To: Members of the 2015-2016 Graduate Council

From: Nasser Zawia, Dean
Andrea Rusnock, Associate Dean

Date: 11 April 2016

RE: Agenda for Meeting Number 499 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday 11 April 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Alumni Center

I. Call to order and welcome

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Number 498, 14 March 2016 (please see attachments)

III. Announcements

A. Graduate School Awards
B. Call for Distinguished Alumni Rising Star Award
C. Changes to Catalog due May 4th
D. Commencement
E. Food for Thought series: Navigating Racism (April 18)
F. Save the Date: Graduate Summit Sept. 30, 2016
G. Recent Appointments to Graduate Faculty

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IV. Sub-Committees

A. Curriculum Committee
   I. 500/600-level courses

Changes:

College of Environmental and Life Sciences
Biological Sciences
BIO 500: Advanced Science Ethics

Change course code to BES 500

Bio 501: Advanced Scientific Communication

Change course code to BES 501

Bio 695: Graduate Seminar

Delete course.

College of Environmental and Life Sciences
Cell and Molecular Biology

BCH/MIC 695 (CMB 695): Graduate Seminar

Delete course.

College of Environmental and Life Sciences
Natural Resources Science

NRS 600: Graduate Seminar in Natural Resources

Change course code to BES 600.
New Description and Prerequisites:

“Presentation of proposed, ongoing, or completed research by BES graduate students. Discussion among graduate students, faculty, and staff, with emphasis on research design, methods, and interpretation of results. (Seminar) Pre: graduate standing in BES. All graduate students must enroll at least twice; full-time students are expected to enroll each spring. S/U credit.”

EVS 550: Advanced Ecology

Change course code to BES 550

College of Health and Human Sciences
Physical Therapy

PHT 592: Comprehensive Cases in Physical Therapy

Change title to: “Interprofessional Comprehensive Cases”
Reduce course credits from 4 to 2.
Change prerequisites: “Second-year standing in DPT program or permission of chairperson.”

**New Courses**

College of Arts and Sciences
Psychology

**PSY 698: Internship in Professional Psychology**

“Internship in professional psychology for graduate students matriculating in either Clinical or School Psychology. A required, full-time, off campus, culminating pre-professional practice experience, designed to prepare interns for licensure/certification. Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of PSY 670 field experiences and permission of the Program Director. (Practicum 1)”

College of Environmental and Life Sciences
Marine Affairs

**MAF 545: Environmental Thought and Behavior**

“Introduction to environmental behavior, including factors such as values, knowledge, risk perceptions, and social pressure. Attention is given to the role of attitudes and values in coastal and marine management. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. (Lec. 3)”

**Additional Curricular Matters**

College of Human Science and Services
Human Development and Family Studies

**Notice of Change for Master’s of Science in Human Development and Family Studies**

**Date:** February 22, 2016

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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

2. **Name of department, division, school or college**
   Department: Human Development and Family Studies
   College: Human Science and Services

3. **Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.**
   Initiation date: September 2016
4. Intended location of the program:
   2 Lower College Road
   Transition Center

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).
If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed
catalog language changes that relate to your request.

Approximately five years, the graduate faculty in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) voted to change the name of the program from HDFS to Developmental Science for two reasons: 1) this name aligns with current trends in the field of developmental science, and 2) this name distinguishes us from the other graduate programs in HDFS. Although the name has been changed internally, it was recently brought to our attention that we had not changed it in the URI catalog. We request the name be officially changed from Master of Science Specializing in Human Development and Family Studies to Master of Science in Developmental Science.

At the same time, the graduate faculty in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program of HDF voted to change the name of their program to Couple and Family Therapy. This name aligns with trends in the field, and reflects a more inclusive and diverse application of relationship counselling. Although the name has been changed internally, it has not been changed in the URI catalog. We request the name be officially changed from Master of Science Specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy to Master of Science in Couple and Family Therapy

**Existing Catalog Program Title:** MASTER OF SCIENCE SPECIALIZING IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES

**Proposed Catalog Program Title:** Master of Science Specializing in Developmental Science

**Existing Catalog Program Title:** MASTER OF SCIENCE SPECIALIZING IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

**Proposed Catalog Program Title:** Master of Science Specializing in Couple and Family Therapy

6. Signature of the President

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   David M. Dooley
College of Business Administration

Notice of Change for: University of Rhode Island, Master of Business Administration admission and program requirement change for catalogue
Date: 3/10/16

PROGRAM INFORMATION
1. Name of institution
   University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college
   Department: Master of Business Administration
   College: Business Administration

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.
   Initiation date: 3/25/16
   First degree date: N/A

4. Intended location of the program: N/A – this request is only for an admission requirement change and not a change or addition to an existing program

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).
   This request is for changes in the URI Catalogue concerning the admission requirements and program requirements for the MBA program.
   If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.

Currently in the catalogue: Admission requirements: Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE), a statement of purpose, application fee, a résumé, two letters of recommendation, and transcripts of all previous undergraduate or postbaccalaureate work are required.

Proposed New language: Admission requirements: Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE), a statement of purpose, application fee, a résumé, two letters of recommendation, and transcripts of all previous undergraduate or postbaccalaureate work are required. The GMAT/GRE requirement will be waived for candidates who hold one of the following: PhD, PharmD, JD, MD or any Masters Degree from an accredited institution, currently licensed as a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Financial Planner.

Currently in the catalogue: Program requirements: The M.B.A. program curriculum has been updated to maintain a program that is current and relevant in the workplace. The part-time M.B.A. program requires a minimum of 30 credits and a maximum of 45 credits. First, students are required to take the following seven courses: ECN 590, MBA 500, 502, 503, 504, 505, 565. Waiver exams are available for MBA 500, 504, and 505. MBA 500, MBA 503, and ECN 590 can be waived with permission of the program director based on successful completion of recent equivalent college-level courses at
an AACSB-accredited institution. Students then must select five out of the following seven courses: MBA 510, 530, 540, 550, 555, 560, and 562.

**Proposed New language: Program requirements:** The M.B.A. program curriculum has been updated to maintain a program that is current and relevant in the workplace. The part-time M.B.A. program requires a minimum of 30 credits and a maximum of 45 credits. First, students are required to take the following seven courses: ECN 590 (or MBA531X), MBA 500, 502 (or 532), 503 (or 533), 504 (or 534), 505, 565. Waiver exams are available for MBA 500, 504, and 505. MBA 500, MBA 503, and ECN 590 can be waived with permission of the program director based on successful completion of recent equivalent college-level courses at an AACSB-accredited institution. Students then must select five out of the following seven courses: MBA 510 (or 537), 530, 540, 550 (or 535), 555, 560 (or536), and 562.

6. **Signature of the President**

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   David M. Dooley

IV. **New Business**

   A. Part Time Faculty Union and Graduate student recruitment & retention
   B. New College Configuration and Graduate Council Representation
   C. Proposed Changes to the Graduate Manual

VI. **Old Business**

   A. Changes to Graduate School Forms
      a. Program of Study: remove all signatures except for student, major and co-major professors, and chair
      b. Written and Oral Comprehensive Exams: combine request to schedule written and oral comprehensive exams
   B. Committee Composition
      Reduce number of committee members for comprehensive exams and dissertation defenses from 5 to 4

VII. **Adjournment**