UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

To: Members of the 2016-2017 Graduate Council

From: Nasser Zawia, Dean
       Andrea Rusnock, Associate Dean

Date: 19 September 2016

RE: Agenda for Meeting Number 500 of the Graduate Council to be held on Monday, 19 September 2016 at 2:00 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 499, 11 April 2016 (please see attachments)

III. Approval of Graduate degree certification for Summer 2016: Dean Zawia

IV. Announcements
   A. Announcement of the winner of the Distinguished Achievement Rising Star Award for 2016:
      Raymond Two Hawks Watson, MA Community Planning (2005)
   B. Enhancement of Graduate Student Research Awards (EGRAs)
      Deadline: October 20, 2016
   C. Introduction: Cara Mitnick, Professional Development coordinator, Graduate School
   D. Enrollment and Admissions Update
   E. Graduate Manual Update
   F. Enrollment Services Update
   G. Transform Update
   H. Graduate Faculty Summit: Friday, 30 September 2016, U-Club
I. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty since those listed on the agenda for last April’s Council meeting.

CHARLES ROMAN    GSO    4/18/2016
JAMES WARD   HISTORY    4/20/2016
BRET ANDERSON   ECONOMICS    5/4/2016
BRIAN M. CAMPBELL  INP    5/12/2016
FRANK S. MENNITI   INP    5/12/2016
ROBERT B. NELSON   INP    5/12/2016
STEVIN H. ZORN   INP    5/12/2016
COLIN ORIANS    BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES    6/13/2016
ANDREW KEMP    GEOSCIENCES    6/13/2016
NICOLE ROHR   NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE    6/21/2016
JAMESON CHACE   NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCE    6/21/2016
RONALD A. FOERCH   MECHANICAL & SYSTEMS ENG    8/31/2016
MOHAMMAD JARARI   CIVIL ENGINEERING    8/31/2016
DAWN KOTOWICZ   MARINE AFFAIRS    8/31/2016
NANCY FORSTER-HOLT   BUSINESS    9/2/2016
XIAOWEI XU   BUSINESS    9/2/2016
GEORGES TSAFACK KEMASSONG   BUSINESS    9/2/2016
SHINGO GOTO   BUSINESS    9/2/2016
FEIHONG XIA   BUSINESS    9/2/2016
GULVER KARAMEMIS   BUSINESS    9/6/2016
SUMANTA DAS   CIVIL & ENV. ENG    9/8/2016
EMILY HEAPHY   BUSINESS    9/8/2016
BARBARA WOLFE   NURSING    9/9/2016
DEREK NIKITAS   ENGLISH    9/12/2016
IV. **Committees**
   A. Volunteers for Nominating Committee
   B. Review of charges to and goals of committees for this year’s Council

V. **New Business**
   A. Council Membership/University Manual

VI. **Old Business**
VII. **Adjournment**