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TO: Members of the Council on Postsecondary Education

FROM: Jim Purcell, Ed.D., Commissioner for Postsecondary Education

DATE: January 5, 2016

RE: Notices of Changes of Degree Titles from the University of Rhode
Island

Background

The University of Rhode Island submitted two notices of change regarding the alteration of two degree titles.

Rationale

The Department of Biological Sciences moved from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of the Environment and Life Sciences in 2005. Initially, the department retained the policy of the College of Arts and Sciences of not printing the name of the major on the diploma; however, since all of the diplomas in the College of the Environment and Life Sciences include the name of the major, the department of Biological Sciences is requesting the following change in degree titles:

1. From: Bachelor of Sciences with a major in Biological Sciences
To: Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences
2. From: Bachelor of Sciences with a major in Marine Biology
To: Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology

The academic changes presented are within the mission, role and scope of the University and do not require Council approval.