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To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Clark Greene, Authorized Officer, Office of Higher Education

Date: February 3, 2014

RE: Rhode Island College – Request to reset Graduate Tuition

Rhode Island College is requesting that the Board approve its proposal to reset graduate tuition for full-time study in the Master of Social Work (MSW) program that will bring it to a level equal to all other graduate-level tuition at the College.

When the RIC MSW program was launched in 1979, the Board of Regents approved a differential tuition rate for the MSW program, which was higher than the prevailing graduate tuition rate. New faculty had to be hired to offer the program, which meant additional costs to the institution. The Board's intent was to establish the program as self-sustaining.

The 1979 Board approval has now led to a circumstance in which the 2013 full-time tuition rate for the MSW program is lower than RIC's current, per-credit graduate tuition rates across the rest of the institution. RIC is proposing to bring all tuition rates into alignment so that one per-credit-hour rate will apply across programs and to both full-time and part-time graduate study.

Accordingly, I recommend:

THAT the Board of Education approve Rhode Island College to reset graduate tuition for full-time study in the Master of Social Work (MSW) program at a level equal to all other graduate-level tuition at the college.