I. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 419 were approved.

III. Announcements
   A. Associate Dean Harold Bibb welcomed and introduced new members of the Graduate Council. He also announced that Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella was returning as the Dean of the Graduate School and that Keith Killingbeck was named Associate Dean of the Graduate School.

   B. New staff members at the Graduate School are:
      1. Megan Verry – Graduate Admissions
      2. Eric Benevides – Information Technologist

   C. Associate Dean Bibb announced the appointment of the following individuals to the Graduate Faculty:
      Dr. Suellen Adams – Library & Information Studies
      Dr. Matthew Lauer – Sociology and Anthropology
      Dr. Bridget Buxton – History
      Dr. Kathleen Donohue – Oceanography
      Dr. Andrea Eastwood Paiva – Psychology
      Research Asst. Prof. Emi Uchida – Environmental and Natural Resource Econ.
      Research Asst. Prof. Hirotsugu Uchida – Environ. and Natural Resource Econ.
      Adjunct Prof. William Koehler - Business
      Adjunct Prof. Padma Venkatraman – Oceanography
      Adjunct Asst. Prof. Yvonne Masakowski – Psychology
      Adjunct Asst. Prof. Barbara Silver - Psychology
      Adjunct Asst. Prof. Nancy Haley – Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences
      Adjunct Prof. Michael Morin - Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences
      Adjunct Asst. Prof. Peter Smith - Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sciences
      Adjunct Asst. Prof. Numi Mitchell – Natural Resources Science
      Adjunct Asst. Prof. Mark Eldridge – Natural Resources Science

IV. Vice Provost Discussion Items
   A. Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella welcomed all new members to the Graduate Council.
B. The Diversity Recruitment Workshop met on Friday, September 14. The workshop was sponsored by EPSCOR and the Graduate School. The Diversity Recruitment Committee is looking to develop an online discussion group to enhance graduate education through online courses and would like to identify faculty mentors at URI.

C. Vice Provost Pasquerella and Associate Deans Bibb and Killingbeck will attend the Annual Meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools. The meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington from December 5-8, 2007.

D. Vice Provost Pasquerella reported that a request had been received from a student for a dissertation not to be circulated for security reasons. The Policy and Procedures Committee will need to review whether or not students should be allowed to write dissertations on subjects that cannot be published.

V. New Business
   A. The following dates were approved for Graduate Council 2007-2008 meetings:

   Monday, October 15, 2007
   Monday, November 19, 2007
   Monday, December 17, 2007
   Friday, February 1, 2008
   Friday, February 29, 2008
   Friday, March 28, 2008
   Friday, April 18, 2008

   B. Associate Dean Harold Bibb noted there were certain inconsistencies regarding Graduate Faculty status in University Manual Section 4.70.10 The Graduate Faculty. The Policy and Procedures Committee will meet to review the section and the requirements for Graduate Faculty status.

   C. The following members of the Graduate Council will serve as the Nominating Committee: Gale Eaton, Stephen Barber, Kevin McClure and Laura Gostin. The committee will meet on Monday, September 24, to finalize the selection of members of the Sub-Committees of the Graduate Council. The Sub-Committee list will be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

   D. Vice Provost Pasquerella reminded the Graduate Council members that the site visit team would be here from October 21-24. The Graduate School has a goal set by the President to increase student enrollment by 100. Some of the issues to meet the goal include graduate student recruitment, funding resources, student retention, and diversity.

VI. Adjournment
    The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.