The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Associate Dean Harold Bibb.

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 424 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Associate Dean Harold Bibb announced that there were no appointments to Graduate Faculty since the February 1, 2008 meeting.

B. Vice Provost Lynn Pasquerella was participating in a NEASC meeting and was unable to attend the Graduate Council meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck introduced Eric Benevides, Information Technologist for the Graduate School, for a presentation on electronic submission of new course and minor change proposal forms. All new course and minor change proposals will now be filled out and signed electronically. Supporting documents, along with the proposals, will be forwarded to the Graduate Council by email for review. Instructions and training will be announced in the near future. Both forms can be found on the Graduate School website under Graduate School Forms. Any suggestions for additions or changes to the forms should be forwarded to Dean Killingbeck. In the near future, an announcement will be prepared indicating that electronic submission will be the only acceptable format for all new course and minor change proposals.

B. A motion was presented to the Graduate Council that electronic submission of applications for Graduate Admissions would become mandatory. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Discussion continued on proposed changes to The University Manual 4.70.10 The Graduate Faculty. The proposed changes were tabled.

V. Committee Reports

A. New Program Committee

The proposal for the MBA/MO Dual Degree Program was approved by the Graduate Council.
B. Graduate Manual Revision Committee
Associate Dean Keith Killingbeck reported that the revisions to the Graduate Manual would likely not be completed until the fall.

C. Curriculum Committee
1. New Business
   New Courses Approved:
   - NRS401/501 Foundations of Restoration Ecology
   Tabled:
   - NRS 445/545 Invasive Species Research, Management and Policy – tabled for no difference in grading between undergraduate and graduate students.

2. Non STEM Programs (plus Psychology)
   Changes Approved:
   - CMD 563 Language Disorders in Infants and Toddlers – change from “required” to “elective”.
   Changes to HDF graduate program:
   - Change number of required developmental seminars (HDF 511, 512, 513, 514) from 1 to 2.
   - Allow HDF 535 or HDF 530 as family studies requirement.
   - Replace the comprehensive exam requirement with a portfolio requirement.
   - LSC 503 Collection Development – change in title and catalog description
   - LSC 508 Introduction to Information Science and Technology – change in catalog description
   - LSC 548 Information Architecture – change in title
   - GER 485, 486 Special Studies – change in credits
   Tabled:
   - PSY 615 Collaborative Research – tabled for question on 24 credits
   - WMS 430 Human Rights and Foreign Policy – tabled pending receipt of comments on potential course overlap with existing courses, and additional concerns.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.