The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Interim Dean Zawia.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 438 were approved.

Announcements

A. Interim Dean Zawia welcomed and introduced two new members of the Graduate Council, Ms. Elizabeth Smith a student representative from ENRE and Rebekah Greene a student representative from English

B. Interim Dean Zawia invited all Council members to the Graduate Student Forum taking place on 20 October 2009 at 2:00pm in the Memorial Union Ballroom. He briefly discussed the importance of this event as a way for graduate students to voice their concerns about graduate life and education as well as a way to build a stronger relationship between graduate students and administration.

C. Associate Dean Killingbeck announced to Council the two recipients of Excellence in Doctoral Research Awards. The non-STEM winner is Debra Erickson Owens, major advisor Judith Mercer. Her dissertation is titled, Milking the Umbilical Cord as Term Cesarean Section: Effect on Hemoglobin Levels in the First 48 Hours of Life. The STEM winner is Narendra (Ren) Sharma, major advisor Donna Meyer. His dissertation is titled, Modeling and Experiments in Microchannels for the Separation and Detection of Bacteria Using Antibody-Coated Filter and Quantum Dots. Both will receive a framed certificate as well as an award of $1,000.00

D. Interim Dean Zawia reported that the mini-grant information and documents are available on the Graduate School website. He asks that Council members remind their students to submit proposals in order to be eligible to win one of the awards.

Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

Changes approved:
ELE 401 Lasers, Optical Fibers, and Communication Systems – change in prerequisite
ELE 402 Lasers, Optical Fibers, and Communication Syst Lab – change in prerequisite
ELE 405 Digital Computer Design – change in prerequisite
ELE 406 Digital Computer Design Laboratory – change in prerequisite
ELE 408 Computer Organization – change in prerequisite
ELE 409 Computer Organization Laboratory – change in prerequisite
ELE 427 Electromechanical Systems – change in prerequisite
ELE 428 Electromechanical Systems Lab – change in prerequisite
ELE 432 Electrical Engineering Materials – change in prerequisite
ELE 435 Communications Systems – change in prerequisite
ELE 436 Communications Systems Laboratory – change in prerequisite
ELE 444 Advanced Electronic Design - change in prerequisite
ELE 445 Advanced Electronic Design Laboratory - change in prerequisite
ELE 447 Digital Integrated Circuit Design I – change in prerequisite
ELE 448 Digital Integrated Circuit Design I Laboratory – change in prerequisite
ELE 458 Digital Control Systems – change in prerequisites
ELE 459 Digital Control Systems Laboratory – change in prerequisite
MCE 426 Advanced Mechanics of Materials – change in prerequisite
MCE 431 Computer Control of Mechanical Systems – change in prerequisite
MCE 434 Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning – change in prerequisite
MCE 437 Turbomachinery Design – change in prerequisite
MCE 438 Internal Combustion Engines – change in prerequisite
MCE 440 Mechanics of Composite Materials – change in prerequisite
MCE 448 Heat and Mass Transfer – change in prerequisite
MCE 454 Tribology – change in prerequisite
MCE 455 Advanced Fluid Mechanics – change in prerequisite
MCE 466 Introduction to Finite Element Method – change in prerequisite
MCE 491/492 Special Problems – change in prerequisite
ELE 562 Biomedical Instrumentation Design – change in catalog description
HDF 527 Health Care Policy – change in title and prerequisite

**New Courses Approved**
NVP 500 Theory and Research on Nonviolence and Peace (3)
CMD 504X Interdisciplinary Research in CMD (2) – pending clear pre-requisites

**Tabled**
WMS 590 Special Topics in Women’s Studies
OCE500 Ocean Engineering Design Studies (1 to 9)
ELE 561 Physiological Modeling and Control (3)
ELE 568 Neural Engineering (3)
LRS 573 Staffing Organizations (3)

B. Associate Dean Killingbeck updated Council on the progress by the Graduate Manual Revision Committee. The first six sections will be sent out for review previous to the next Council meeting.
V. Developing a Process for the Assessment of Graduate Programs at the University of Rhode Island – a presentation given by Dr. Peggy Maki. Dr. Maki presented ideas on assessment and its importance based on her wealth of experience in the area of university degree programs. She advised the Council on the relationship between learning outcomes and program objectives, and answered questions asked by members of the Council and additional faculty who attended her presentation.

VI. New Business

VII. Old Business

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

IX. Notes

A. Council member Professor Wayne Lee invited all Council members to the 22nd Annual Transportation Forum to be held in various locations on 6 November 2009.