The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm by Dean Zawia.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 465 were approved.

Announcements

A. Dean Zawia recognized recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty

ILAN KELMAN Natural Resources Science

B. Dean Zawia informed Council of the two Distinguished Alumni Awardees for the Graduate School who will be honored at the award banquet in Newport on 27 October 2012. Carrie Byron, nominated by her major professor Barry Costa-Pierce, and Matthew Ortelova, nominated by his major professor Nedra Reynolds, are being honored.

C. Dean Zawia announced the date and location of the annual Graduate School Retreat. This year it will be held on November 15th at Belle Mer in Newport. He invited Council to join us on that day and asked Council to urge their colleges and departments to attend as well. He noted that we would be presenting a draft of the strategic plan that came from discussions from last year’s retreat.

D. Dean Zawia announced that a meeting is scheduled with the Provost regarding the commencement keynote speaker selection.

E. Dean Zawia noted that the EGRA proposals have been sent to the review committee. He asked that members be on time returning the reviews so that the awards can go out in a timely manner.
IV. Committees

A. Curriculum Committee

**Changes Approved**
MIC(MLS) 422 Biotechnology Manufacturing for the Life Sciences
NRS 406 Wetland Wildlife Management
NRS 407 Endangered Species Conservation
GEO 497 Field Experience in the Geological Sciences
NRS 509 Concepts of GIS and Remote Sensing in Environmental Science
MLS 571 Biotechnology Product Evaluation and Development
NUR 561 Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist I
NUR 562 Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist I Practicum
NUR 563 Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist II
NUR 564 Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist II Practicum

**Courses Deleted**
MTH 425 Topology
NUR 555 Advanced Gerontology Nursing I
NUR 556 Practicum in Advanced Gerontology Nursing I
NUR 557 Advanced Gerontology Nursing II
NUR 558 Practicum in Advanced Gerontology Nursing II

**New Courses Approved**
MCE 428 Mechanics of Materials in Extreme Environments
NRS/BIO 517 Herpetology
MTH 656 Probability on Discrete Structures
PSY 643 Multicultural Mental Health

**Proposals Tabled**
KIN 444X Selected Topics in Cardiology
MLS 581 Clinical Research

**Additional Curricular Matters**
Adult-Gerontological Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist Area of Emphasis in Masters Program – Approved unanimously
V. Graduate School Manual

Changes to section 8.32 were revisited. The following changes were passed unanimously:

8.32. All major professors must be continuing, tenure-track members of the University of Rhode Island Graduate Faculty. Adjunct faculty cannot serve as sole major professors on thesis or dissertation committees. In cases where co-major professors are deemed necessary and appropriate, one, but not both of the two co-major professors could be an Adjunct Professor who carries Graduate Faculty Status at the University of Rhode Island. At least one of the co-major professors must be from the student’s home department or program. Student committees with co-major professors require a minimum of four faculty; the co-major advisors, another member in the same discipline and/or department as the student, and another member from an outside area unless specifically approved by the Dean of the Graduate School. Upon recommendation by the department Chair, major professors will be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School to carry out the duties noted in the following paragraphs.

VI. Proposal from the Faculty Senate

Associate Dean Killingbeck opened a discussion regarding a proposal from the Faculty Senate to change section 8.81.62 of the University Manual. Council raised concerns that undergraduate and graduate courses should have different standards. Council feels that section 8.81.62 should apply strictly to undergraduate courses and has proposed a new version of 8.81.63, to refer to courses for graduate credit:

8.81.63 Any course for graduate credit not taught for four successive calendar years and not scheduled for the fifth year shall be deleted from the public list of curricular offerings (Official University Catalog). Enrollment Services shall determine annually which of these courses will be scheduled for the following academic year as requested by the department chairs or college deans. Courses not scheduled will be considered suspended and will remain on the Enrollment Services non-public list for 3 years. If the suspended course is offered any time during the three-year period, it will be returned to the public list of curricular offerings (University Catalog). If the suspended course is not offered within 3 years it will be considered deleted and may not be offered without approval as a new course.
VII. Old Business
   A. Program committee's inside and outside members discussion was tabled due to time restraints
   B. 'Last Semester Status' discussion was tables due to time constraints

VIII. New Business

IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm