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

II. The Minutes of Meeting No. 473 were approved.

III. Announcements

A. Dean Zawia recognized recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty:

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B. Dean Zawia announced that former Dean of the URI Graduate School, Dr. Kent Morrison, would be the Commencement speaker for the May 2014 Graduate Commencement.

C. Dean Zawia alerted Council that the Enhancement of Graduate Research Awards call for proposals was released. Proposals for these awards are due no later than October 18th and can be for up to $1000. Students will be notified by December 16th if they have been successful in their request for funds.

D. Dean Zawia reminded Council that the Graduate Faculty Summit will be held on October 15th and encouraged Council members to attend. He also asked that they remind their colleges and departments about the importance of this meeting and that they attend as well. He noted a few of the powers and responsibilities that should fall to the Graduate Council that have been overlooked for a time. He stressed the need for these roles to be reviewed and recaptured in order to properly document the role of the Graduate Council and the Graduate Faculty.
IV. **Committees**

A. A Nominating Committee, Peter August, Stephen Kogut, and Julia Lovett met with Dean Zawia and Associate Dean Killingbeck to review the potential committee assignments. The committee assignments are as follows:

*New Graduate Programs Committee* - August, Faflik, Kogut, Thoma, and Skully

*Graduate Curriculum Committee* - Englander, Hutchison, Lohmann, and Peno

*Policies, Standards, & Appeals Committee* - August, Coppa, Peno, and Sheinen

*Scholarship, Fellowship, & Excellence Awards Committee* - entire Council

*Graduate Assessment Committee* - Greenfield, Lovett, McClure, Sterne, and Martin

V. **Topics for Discussion – The Graduate School Manual**

A. GSM Section GSM Section 7.43 and 7.52 – motion to edit to read:

**7.43 Program of Study.** It is in the best interests of graduate students to be guided in their work by a well-designed Program of Study. Each student enrolled in a master's degree program shall submit a Program of Study to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval. Students must submit a Program of Study as soon as is practicable, but not later than the end of the third semester of their enrollment as full time students, or by the end of the fourth semester of enrollment as a part-time student. Failure to submit a Program of Study during this period may result in enrollment blocks or suspension of graduate study until such a program is submitted (see Section 9.10 for course distribution requirements). Signatures required include those of the student, program committee, and Graduate Program Director or department Chair. The Program of Study includes courses that are to be taken for program credit, and those that are to be taken without program credit to remedy deficiencies, or for the student's personal satisfaction. After a program has been approved, changes can be made by submitting a new Program of Study for approval to the Dean of the Graduate School, signed by the student, program committee, and Graduate Program Director or department Chair. Forms to be used for submitting the Program of Study are available at the Graduate School website ([www.uri.edu/gsadmis/](http://www.uri.edu/gsadmis/)).

**7.52 Program of Study.** Each doctoral student shall submit a Program of Study to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval. Students must submit a Program of Study as soon as is practicable, but no later than the end of the third semester of their enrollment as full time students or by the end of the fourth semester of enrollment as a part-time student. Failure to submit a Program of Study during this period may result in enrollment blocks or suspension of graduate study until such a program is submitted. Signatures required include those of the student, program committee, and Graduate Program Director or department Chair. The Program of Study includes courses
that are to be taken for program credit (see Section 9.20 for course distribution requirements), and those that are to be taken without program credit to remedy deficiencies, or for the student's personal satisfaction. After a program has been approved, changes can be made by submitting a new Program of Study for approval to the Dean of the Graduate School, signed by the student, program committee, and Graduate Program Director or department Chair. Forms to be used for submitting the Program of Study are available at the Graduate School website (www.uri.edu/gsadmis/).

A motion to make a friendly amendment to 7.43 to include the need of the signatures of the master's program committee, was approved unanimously. The original motion to accept the new wording was then approved: 11 approved, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

**VI. Policies Guiding Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs**

Dean Zawia suggested that we present the sub-committee with the finding of the Certificate Meeting we had last spring and allow them to review and present a motion for the Council to discuss and vote on.

The motion made to do this was passed unanimously.

**VII. Old Business**

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm**