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

The Approval of Minutes of Meeting No. 476 were post-poned

The Approval of Graduate Degrees for Fall 2013 Council voted unanimously to approve the names of the students who have satisfied requirements for degrees

Announcements

A. Dean Zawia introduced the new Vice President of Research and Economic Development, Gerald Sonnenfeld. The Vice President spoke to the desire to further enhance graduate education at the University and let Council know that he was available to speak with anyone.

B. Associate Dean Killingbeck recognized recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty:

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C. Associate Dean Killingbeck spoke with Council regarding the request for speaking points for the commencement address from Kent Morrison. Council did not indicate any specific topics for him.

D. Associate Dean Killingbeck and Alycia Mosley Austin informed Council on their recent trip to the Annual Conference of the Council of Graduate Schools. They noted learning some recent updates on Affirmative Action and potential students, online courses, and that there is a dip in enrollment across the
country. Another big issue was career options of our doctoral students. Do we know where they are going and are we preparing them for the jobs they have. CGS is convening a study to look at this specifically.

E. Dean Zawia shared the list of EGRA winners with Council. There were a number of impressive proposals this year.
F. Associate Dean Killingbeck and Council discussed an effort to solidify a good step forward regarding who is qualified to teach an online course. Council suggested that online courses should be X courses for the first year. Associate Dean Killingbeck then asked Council to review the draft being recommended from the Joint Committee on Online and Distance Education and the Curricular Affairs Committee. He asked for comments or questions from Council to be submitted to him shortly so this item can move forward.

V. Committees

Curriculum Committee

**New Courses Approved**
EVS 540X Exploring the Dimensions of Corporate Responsibility (3)

**Tabled**
LAR 444 Landscape Architecture Studio III
LAR455 Landscape Architecture Studio IV

**Additional Curricular Matters**

1. Department of Chemistry – proposed revision of MS (thesis option) Graduation Requirements was tabled.

2. Department of Computer Science – proposed revision to the Master’s and Ph.D. programs was given provisional approval if they agree to take out the sentence “A Program of Study can include at most 16 credits at the 400-level.” As well as making editorial changes to all references to 400-level courses.

3. Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program – changes to the proposed requirements were approved.

VI. Topics for Discussion
A. Ted Myatt and Mary Riedford from the Research Integrity Office of the URI Division of Research and Economic Development discussed options for training for graduate students in the areas of research compliance, academic integrity, and other related topics. Council is supportive of this.

B. Julia Lovett introduced issues regarding the electronic submission of theses/dissertations and the choice to embargo. Council analyzed the issues but decided to table the subject till further discussions could take place with students and departments.

VII. Old Business
    Tabled due to time restraints

VIII. New Business

IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm