Chair Don Madison called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Mark Twain Room of the University Center.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Copyright Issues: Karla Calahan, a graduate student in Eng. Mtg. and an expert on copyright law, lead a discussion on this topic. She can supply copies of her overheads to those who did not hear the presentation. Her e-mail address is kmcallah@umr.edu.

A request for discussion of research assistant appointments for dually enrolled students, particularly Master Student Fellows, was withdrawn.

It was announced that thesis and dissertation templates using the new guidelines will soon be available on the web.

Rules and Regulations for Graduate Faculty: A discussion was held to gain suggestions for the ad hoc committee (James Johnson, Matt Insall, Nicholas Knight) that is working on a new version. The working document for the new version is on the web at http://www.umr.edu/~gradchar/faccoun.html.

A number of editorial and substantive suggestions were made which will be incorporated in the document on the web. Another discussion based on the revised document will be held at a later meeting.

Election of Officers for 1998-1999: Don Madison was elected chair and Gary Patterson was elected secretary. Chair Madison then appointed Paul Stigall to be Parliamentarian.

May graduates on the official list from the registrar were approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.