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## **University Council on Graduate Study Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

**3:00 PM in 817 Cathedral of Learning**

### **Members Attending**

Nathan Urban (Provost's Office, Chair), Don Bialostosky (A&S Humanities Substitute), Yasavi Cherukuru (GPSG), Vivian Curran (Law), Sandra Engberg (Nursing), G. Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Michael Gunzenhauser (Education), Holger Hock (A&S Assoc Dean), John Horn (Medicine), Kenneth Jordan (Interdisciplinary), Satish Iyengar (A&S Natural Sciences), Tara Meyer, (Arts and Sciences), Paul Nelson (GSPIA), Anthony Petrosky (Education), Sam Poloyac (Pharmacy), Kaitlin Powers (GPSG), Jeff Shook (Social Work), Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff), Aliyah Weinstein (GPSG), Martin Weiss (Computing and Information), and Travis Wisor (University Registrar)

### **Guests**

Mary Besterfield-Sacre (Engineering), Ian Nettleship (Engineering), Thomas Piccone (Engineering), John Sebastian (Engineering)

Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting.

### **Proposal to establish post-baccalaureate and graduate certificates in Construction Management in the Swanson School of Engineering.**

The Swanson School of Engineering proposed new post-baccalaureate and graduate certificates in Construction Management. The certificates will promote professional development among the workforce, provide a supplemental learning opportunity for other engineering students, and create a pipeline for the Master's program. Council briefly discussed the proposal. There was some concern about conflicting language in the proposal as to whether an internship is required, which it is not.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved pending the submission of an assessment matrix and the removal of the following sentence on page 3 of the proposal: "No internships will be required or offered as part of the Certificate Program as it is anticipated that the students pursuing the Certificate will be employed full time." The revisions will not need to be reviewed again by UCGS. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **Proposal to establish post-baccalaureate and graduate certificates in Processing, Properties, and Performance Engineering Metals in the Swanson School of Engineering.**

The Swanson School of Engineering proposed new post-baccalaureate and graduate

certificates in Processing, Properties, and Performance Engineering Metals in the Swanson School of Engineering. The new certificates will enhance the engineering graduate student's experience in metallurgy as well as enhance current professional's experience in the workforce.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **Announcements**

Vice Provost Urban gave a brief update regarding the status of the graduate student unionization efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15