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

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018**  
**3:00 PM in 817 Cathedral of Learning**

### **Members Attending**

Nathan Urban (Provost's Office, Chair), Jonathan Arac (A&S Humanities), Cindy Bryce (GSPH), 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), Adam Lee (Computing and Information, Tara Meyer, (Arts and Sciences), Paul Nelson (GSPIA), Sam Poloyac (Pharmacy), Elizabeth Abby Stahl (GPSG), Christopher Staten (GPSG President), Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff), Aliyah Weinstein (GPSG), and Travis Wisor (University Registrar)

### **Guests**

Alison Langmead (A&S)

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

### **Proposal to establish a graduate certificate in Digital Studies and Methods in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.**

The Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences proposed new graduate certificate in Digital Studies and Methods (DSAM). The certificate will be housed in the Dietrich Graduate Studies Office as it will be geared towards a broad array of students. Either a MS or PhD seeking student could complete the certificate, but it may be slightly easier for a doctoral student. A council member questioned why the name of the program was not Digital Humanities. The program feels that DSAM better prevents misunderstanding of the program and more directly describes what's happening at Pitt.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved pending a slight modification to the admissions section. The committee was satisfied with a one-word change on page 4 of the proposal to now read "Any student enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Pittsburgh....will be eligible to **apply**." The revisions will not need to be reviewed again by UCGS. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **Review of Regulations Governing Graduate Study**

**Change 1** – In the section covering "Course Work Acceptable as Graduate Credit" in Regulations, the committee unanimously voted in favor of changing the third sentence to read, "To be eligible for a master's degree, a student must have completed at least 30 credits at the graduate level...." This change is necessary to align Regulations with

the State of Pennsylvania's Department of Education requirements.

**Change 2** – The second change focuses on the types of graduate-level certificates found in Regulations. A general discussion of council indicated openness to modifying the graduate certificate types. The Office of the Provost will draft edits and present them to council for a vote at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10