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University Council on Graduate Study Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

3:00 PM in 817 Cathedral of Learning

Members Attending

Nathan Urban (Provost's Office, Chair), Jonathan Arac (A&S Humanities), Jessica Burke (GSPH), Sandra Engberg (Nursing), G. Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Michael Gunzenhauser (Education), Holger Hoock (A&S Assoc Dean), John Horn (Medicine), Kenneth Jordan (Interdisciplinary), Satish Iyengar (A&S Natural Sciences), Tara Meyer, (Arts and Sciences), Paul Nelson (GSPIA), Jay Rajgopal (Engineering), Jeff Shook (Social Work), Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff), and Travis Wisor (University Registrar)

Guests

Rabi Chatterjee (Katz), Sandra Douglas (Katz), Marilyn Hravnak (Nursing), and Alvin Pearman (Education)

Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2018 meeting.

Proposal to establish a joint DNP/PhD program in the School of Nursing.

The School of Nursing proposed to establish a joint DNP/PhD degree, which is an emerging role for graduates in health care agencies. The two degrees will share a total of 30 credits and will take approximately 4 to 5 years of full time study to complete.

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

Proposal to establish an Urban Education Area of Concentration (ARCO) within the major of Administrative and Policy Studies leading to the EdD degree in the School of Education.

The School of Education proposed to establish an area of concentration in Urban Education within the major of Administrative and Policy Studies leading to the EdD degree. The School of Education strives to be a leader in this emerging field of preparing leaders in urban school settings.

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

Proposal to establish new majors to the MS degree in the Katz Graduate School of Business

The Katz Graduate School of Business proposed to establish four new graduate

majors in Accounting and Business Analytics, Finance and Business Analytics, Marketing Science and Business Analytics, and Supply Chain Management and Business Analytics leading to the Master of Science Degree. Enrollment for the recently approved graduate certificate in business analytics indicates that the field is attractive and many students would benefit from the new majors. The existing majors and the graduate certificate will remain options as well.

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

Subcommittee Updates:

Graduate Procedures – The subcommittee has focused on the GSA/TA/TF policy and has not reviewed the GSR policy. Feedback has shown interest in allowing for graduate appointment to be made for more than one year at a time. The committee will draft new language that will be reviewed by the full council at a later meeting.

Student Affairs – The subcommittee presented results of a professional development survey administered to all 14 schools, of which 11 responded. The subcommittee also considered masked data focusing on professional development from the Graduate Student Experience in the Research University (gradSERU) conducted in the spring of 2016. The subcommittee made four recommendations: 1) create a campus-wide culture surrounding professional development, 2) coordinate existing and new programming, 3) boost infrastructure in high-priority areas and formulating policies and guidance to frame emerging practices, and 4) negotiate interfaces with external constituencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15