

## **University Council on Graduate Study Report on 2017-2018 Activities**

As stated in its bylaws, the University Council on Graduate Study is to communicate its decisions to the faculty, students, and administrative officers of the University. If you have comments on the activities as reported here or suggestions for agenda items, please contact Vice Provost Nathan Urban at [vpurban@pitt.edu](mailto:vpurban@pitt.edu).

### **Reports Given to Council**

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#### **Title IX – September 12, 2017**

Katie Pope  
Title IX Coordinator

#### **Graduate Data – September 12, 2017**

Amanda Brodish and Stephanie Hoogendoorn  
Office of the Provost

#### **Graduate Placement Data – December 12, 2017**

Amanda Brodish  
Office of the Provost

### **Review of Guidelines and Policy**

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#### **Changes to Regulations Governing Graduate Study – March 13, 2018**

Presenter: Nathan Urban, Office of the Provost

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.

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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.

#### **Review TA/TF/GSA Policy– May 15, 2018**

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Presenter: G. Kelley Fitzgerald and Tara Meyer, Co-Chairs UCGS Graduate Procedures Subcommittee

The modifications primarily focus on clarifying language describing multi-year appointments and about orientation for new appointees. Dr. Urban will review further in consultation with the Office of University Counsel. A draft will be brought back to Council for review before any recommendations are made to the Provost.

## **Review of Proposals**

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### **Katz Graduate School of Business: Establish a graduate certificate in Business Analytics**

The Katz Graduate School of Business proposed a new graduate certificate in Business Analytics. Katz is looking to increase overall enrollment, particularly their international students. This certificate will make international students more marketable in the United States, but will also be useful in their native countries.

### **Swanson School of Engineering: Establish post-baccalaureate and graduate certificates in Construction Management**

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.

### **Swanson School of Engineering: Establish post-baccalaureate and graduate certificates in Processing, Properties, and Performance Engineering Metals**

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.

### **Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences: Establish a graduate certificate in Digital Studies and Methods**

The Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences proposed a 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 Master's 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. "Digital Studies and Methods" more accurately describes the intellectual scope and focus of the proposed program.

### **School of Education: Establish a new major in Urban Education leading to the PhD degree in the**

The School of Education proposed to establish a new major in Urban Education leading to the PhD degree and 15 new ARCOs within the new major. The new major aligns with the School's strengths and addresses a broad need in the field as a whole. The 15 areas of concentration will allow students to cross train with urban education. The ARCOs will each be worth 18 credits.

## **Documents and Websites Available to the University Community**

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Wellness Resources for Graduate and Professional Students, Office of the Provost, University of Pittsburgh.

<http://www.gradstudents.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/GradStudent%20WellnessGuide.pdf>

Graduate and Professional Admissions, Office of the Provost, University of Pittsburgh.

<http://www.pitt.edu/admissions/graduate-professional>

Graduate and Professional Academics, Office of the Provost, University of Pittsburgh.

<http://www.pitt.edu/academics/graduate-and-professional>

## **2017-2018 UCGS Members**

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