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University Council on Graduate Study Minutes Tuesday, January 14, 2020 3:00-5:00 p.m. 817 Cathedral of Learning

Members Attending

Paul Bové (A&S – Humanities), Vivian Curran (Law), Sandie Engberg (Nursing), Elizabeth Hernandez-Pease (GPSG – Policy Research Analysis), John Horn (Medicine), Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Katie Greeno (Social Work), Holger Hooch (Arts and Sciences), Ken Jordan (Interdisciplinary), Jung-Kun Lee (Engineering), Amanda Leifson (Substitute, GPSG), Patti Mathay (University Registrar's Office), Sam Poloyac (Pharmacy), Charlene Trovato (Education), Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff)

*Nathan Urban was unable to attend this meeting. Vivian Curran served as chair for this meeting.

Guests

Carrie Benson (Title IX Specialist, Office of Diversity and Inclusion) and Laura Winters (Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Provost).

Approval of the November 2019 Minutes

A motion was made to and seconded to approve the minutes. No opposition.

Presentations

Mandating Title IX Training for Graduate and Professional Students

Carrie Benson facilitated a discussion with council about the importance of Title IX training. Data show that when the Office of Diversity & Inclusion provides training, there is a spike in Title IX reporting. In addition, training achieves two goals: 1) Training helps to identify problematic behavior, both within the community and ourselves and 2) When violators are held accountable, it allows victims to get the support they need. Ms. Benson also discussed the variety of trainings available, which can range in length and delivery method. A formal vote to determine if Title IX training will be made mandatory for graduate and professional students will be held at a future UCGS meeting.

Discussions

What is Your Plan for Pitt?

Laura Winters led Council in a discussion of the University Strategic Plan refresh.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40