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## **University Council on Graduate Study Minutes** **Tuesday, January 22, 2019** **3:00-5:00 p.m. 2017 Cathedral of Learning**

### **Members Attending**

Nathan Urban (Office of the Provost, Chair), Oliver Beale (GPSG – Medicine), Jessica Burke (GSPH), Rachel Coombs (GPSG – President), Vivian Curran (Law), Sandra Engberg (Nursing), Jennifer Enriquez (GPSG – VP of Committees), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Philip Harding (GPSG - BioEngineering), Holger Hoock (Arts and Sciences), Milos Hauskrecht (Substitute – Computing & Information), John Horn (Medicine), Satish Iyengar (A&S – Natural Sciences), Lindsay Matsumura (Education), Tara Meyer, (Arts and Sciences), Paul Nelson (GSPIA), Sam Poloyac (Pharmacy), Jay Rajgopal (Engineering), Christine Wankiiri-Hale (DMED), and Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff)

### **Guests**

Ivet Bahar (Computational Biology), Joe Ayoob (Computational Biology), Leona Mitchell (SCI), Adam Lee (SCI)

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the December 2018 meeting were approved pending the correction of abstention votes for the proposals discussed.

### **Proposal to establish a new major in Computational Biomedicine and Biotechnology leading to the Master of Science degree in the School of Medicine.**

The School of Medicine proposed to establish a new major in Computational Biomedicine and Biotechnology leading to the Master of Science degree. The new program will fill a gap in industry. The program expects to attract three types of students: 1) students with a life sciences background looking to gain knowledge about computational methods, 2) students with a quantitative background to use in the biological field, and 3) working professionals who are looking to change careers.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved pending the clarification of several points: 1) clarification on the curriculum description, 2) clarification on the 30 credit versus 48 credit-curriculum, and 3) clarification on the individualized approach to mentoring that is unique to this program. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **Proposal to establish a new certificate in Cybersecurity, Policy & Law in the School of Computing and Information and Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and to establish a minor in Cybersecurity, Policy & Law in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.**

The School of Computing and Information and the Graduate School of Public and International

Affairs proposed to establish a new certificate in Cybersecurity, Policy & Law. In addition, the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs proposed a new minor in Cybersecurity, Policy & Law. The new certificate and minor will satisfy a high demand within the field, and having public policy, computing and law in on University gives Pitt an advantage for a successful program.

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 (given by Dr. Nathan Urban)**

Upcoming Events:

- Title IX Event – Hosted by the GPSG – January 23
- Parenting Panels for Graduate/Professional Students and Post-docs – January 23 and 29
- Graduate Studies Retreat - February 1

Upcoming Surveys

- AAU Climate Survey – Launching February 2019
- gradSERU – Launching March 2019

Curriculum Project Update – Phase 1 and 2 are complete and have included six schools and two regional campuses (Dietrich, CGS, Katz/CBA, SCI, SHRS, UPB and UPG). Phase 3 is confirmed with SSOE, GSPH, UCIS and Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30