

**University Council on Graduate Study**  
**February 21, 2017**  
**Minutes**  
**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**817 Cathedral of Learning**

**Members Attending**

Alberta Sbragia (Provost's Office and Arts and Sciences, Chair), Bernard Costello (Dental Medicine), Vivian Curran (Law), Sandra Engberg (Nursing), Eleanor Feingold (GSPH), G. Kelley Fitzgerald (Health and Rehabilitation Sciences), Ayres Mario Freitas (Arts and Sciences, Physics and Astronomy), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Mike Gunzenhauser (Education), Teresa Hastings (Interdisciplinary), John Horn (Medicine), Paul Nelson (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs), Corbin Powlus (GPSG), Jay Rajgopal (Engineering), Justin Saver (GPSG President), Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff), Greg Logan (GPSG – Immunology), and Travis Wisor (University Registrar)

**Guests**

Larry Kane (School of Medicine), Tom Smithgall (School of Medicine), Tim Deliyannides (University Library System), Laurent Collister (University Library System), Larry Feick (Office of the Provost), Patty Mathay (University Registrar), Stephanie Hoogendoorn (Office of the Provost), and Randy McReady (OAFa)

**Proposal to Establish new majors in Microbiology and Immunology in the School of Medicine**

The School of Medicine proposed a major in Microbiology and Immunology leading to the PhD and Master's degree. The new major will replace two existing majors, Molecular Virology and Microbiology and Immunology, and will allow the program to expand enrollment in a growing field.

Council briefly discussed the proposed program. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the program be approved. All members voted in favor of the motion.

**ETD Changes**

Based on the collection of student feedback, improvements to the ETD website, templates and training will be proposed to the Office of the Provost in the summer 2017. The presenters focused primarily on the ORCID, which provides a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes a student (or faculty) from every other researcher and hosts a collective list of the researchers' publications. A discussion showed general support to recommend that the ORCID become a mandatory field in the ETD. This will be included in the proposal over the summer.

**Tuition Models for Newly Proposed Joint Programs**

Stephanie Hoogendoorn, Larry Feick, and Patti Mathay presented the working guidelines to implement Accelerated (undergraduate plus master's) Programs at Pitt as

well as working guidelines to implement Joint Degree Programs at Pitt. Each set of guidelines include logic, tuition models, and procedure for implementation. Final guidelines will be posted on the Provost Office's website.

Council approved the Minutes of the February 21, 2017 Meeting with no revisions.

Announcements:

The graduate procedures subcommittee will need to review and discuss modifications to the *Distance Learning Guidelines*. Our records indicate that the following council members are a part of this subcommittee: Jonathan Arac, Bernard Costello, Sandie Engberg (chair), Eleanor Feingold, Kelley Fitzgerald, Tara Meyer, Paula Nelson, Tony Petrosky, Jay Rajgopal, and Marla Ripoll. If this topic is of particular interest to you, and you are not on this subcommittee, you are welcome to join the conversation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.