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## **University Council on Graduate Study Minutes Tuesday, March 17, 2020 3:00-5:00 p.m. Meeting Held via Skype**

### **Members Attending**

Paul Bové (A&S – Humanities), Jessica Burke (GSPH), Vivian Curran (Law), Sabina Deitrick (GSPIA), Sandie Engberg (Nursing), Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Holger Hock (Arts and Sciences), John Horn (School of Medicine), Prashant Krishnamurthy (School of Computing & Information), Jung-Kun Lee (Engineering), Patti Mathay (University Registrar's Office), Lindsay Matsumura (Education), Jay Rajgopal (Engineering), Charlene Travato (Education), Nathan Urban (Chair), Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff), Christine Wankiiri-Hale (Dental Medicine)

### **Guests**

Mark Schmeler and Richard Schein (SHRS)

### **Approval of the February 2020 Minutes**

A correction to add Prashant Krishnamurthy as attending the February meeting was requested. Then, a motion was made to and seconded to approve the minutes. No opposition.

### **Academic Planning Proposals**

**Proposal to establish a new major in Rehabilitation Technology leading to a new degree type, Master of Rehabilitation Technology (MRT), to terminate the Rehabilitation Technology Area of Concentration within the Health and Rehabilitation Sciences major leading to the Master of Science degree, and to rename the Rehabilitation Technology certificate to Assistive Technology within the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS).**

Rehabilitation (assistive) technology is an emerging profession. SHRS is looking to develop a program to satisfy the anticipated demand. The new program seeks to balance didactic and clinical components. The program will begin as an on-campus program and is anticipated to transition to a hybrid format in the Fall 2021, which will be attractive to the working professionals and industry partners. The certificate is meant to be stackable towards the MRT degree.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost and Chancellor that the proposal be approved. Members voted unanimously in favor.

## **Discussions**

### **Graduate Studies Retreat**

Council provided very positive feedback about the 2020 Graduate Studies Retreat and look forward to next year.

### **Announcements** (provided by Nathan Urban)

- COVID-19 Updates

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05