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University Council on Graduate Study Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

3:00-5:00 p.m. 2017 Cathedral of Learning

Members Attending

Nathan Urban (Office of the Provost, Chair), Rachel Coombs (GPSG President), Sandra Engberg (Nursing), Jennifer Enriquez (GPSG – VP of Committees), Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Mike Gunzenhauser (Education), Holger Hock (Arts and Sciences), Saleem Khan (Medicine - Substitute), Ryan Mahramas (University Registrar's Office), Lindsay Matsumura (Education), Paul Nelson (GSPIA), Kaitlin Powers (GPSG – Behavioral and Community Health Sciences), and Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff)

Minutes

The minutes from the February 2019 meeting were approved.

Guests

Rabi Chatterjee (Katz) and Sandra Douglas (Katz)

Proposal to establish a new major in Management and Business Analytics leading to the Master of Science degree in the Katz Graduate School of Business.

The Katz Graduate School of Business proposed to establish a new major in Management and Business Analytics leading to the Master of Science degree. The new program prepare students to with little work experience to obtain generalize business education as well as business analytics skills.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation

Jennifer Walker introduced a new initiative in the Provost Office focusing on student success. The initiative stems from the idea that every person on Pitt's campus has the potential to play a role in a student's success. The goal is to provide a baseline knowledge of University resources and beliefs to as many University community members as possible that will equip them to help a student succeed. Benefits of this initiative include: supports Goal #1 of the Plan for Pitt, compliments and promotes existing efforts on campus, strengthens inclusivity and community among Pitt faculty and staff, and provides a staff professional development opportunity.

Regulations Review/Discussion

- A revision the recently modified Regulations lifting the requirement to be registered in the term of graduation for graduate students was proposed. The revision clarified that international students must maintain enrollment per the requirements of their visa. Council voted and unanimously agreed to recommend to the Provost that this revision be made in

Regulations Governing Graduate Study.

- Dr. Urban led a discussion on the current guideline, which provides restrictions on undergraduate students taking graduate courses (see section “Regulations of Undergraduate Students for Graduate Courses in the 18-19 Graduate Catalog). In general, council agreed with the proposal to modify Regulations to allow undergraduate students to take graduate courses sooner than needing fewer than 15 credits to complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree. Suggested language will be presented at a future UCGS meeting for a formal vote.
- Dr. Urban led a discussion on the current guidelines focused on Joint/Dual/Cooperative programs (see section “Dual and Joint Degree Programs” of the 18-19 Graduate Catalog). Current guidelines state that, “these programs may result in a student earning two separate masters’ degrees, a master’s and a first professional degree, or a master’s or first professional degree and doctoral degree, but never result in a student earning two separate doctoral degree.” The discussion focused on why students cannot earn two separate doctoral degrees. Council will review proposed language and vote at a future UCGS meeting.

Announcements (given by Dr. Nathan Urban)

Upcoming Events:

- Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation week in April 1 – 5. The University-wide 3MT competition will kick off the week on April 1. Details of the competition and other event plans are forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25