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## **University Council on Graduate Study Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

**3:00-5:00 p.m. 817 Cathedral of Learning**

### **Members Attending**

Nathan Urban (Office of the Provost, Chair), Jessica Burke (GSPH), Vivian Curran (Law), Sandra Engberg (Nursing), Jennifer Enriquez (GPSG – VP of Committees), Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Mike Gunzenhauser (Education), Holger Hock (Arts and Sciences), Milos Hauskrecht (Computing & Information), John Horn (Medicine), Satish Iyengar (Arts and Sciences), Ken Jordan (Interdisciplinary), Patti Mathay (University Registrar's Office), Lindsay Matsumura (Education), Tara Meyer (Arts and Sciences), Paul Nelson (GSPIA), Sam Poloyac (Pharmacy), Jay Rajgopal (Engineering), Suraj Subramanian (GPSG – BioEngineering), Christine Wankiiri-Hale (Dental Medicine), and Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff)

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the March 2019 meeting were approved.

### **Guests**

Ginny Allison (Nursing), Eleanor Feingold (GSPH), David Huffman (A&S – Economics), Ryan Minster (GSPH), Bambang Parmanto (SHRS), Bridgette Regan (Pharmacy), Luca Rigotti (A&S – Economics), Bill Valenta (OTP), Valerie Watzlaf (SHRS), and Leming Zhou (SHRS)

### **Proposal to establish a new degree type, the Master of Pharmacy Business Administration in the School of Pharmacy. The existing major in Pharmacy Business Administration will now lead to new degree.**

The School of Pharmacy proposed to establish a new degree type, a Master of Pharmacy Business Administration. The new degree type will more accurately represent the program content and design to reflect equal parts of a graduate business program and a specifically targeted pharmacy program.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members voted 18 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention

### **Proposal to establish a new School Nurse certificate in the School of Nursing.**

The School of Nursing proposed to establish a new online, 15-credit, graduate School Nurse certificate. The new certificate is designed for students looking to become a school nurse who require advanced skills such as practicing autonomy, supervising others, and delegating care in a community rather than a hospital setting.

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

**Proposal to establish a new major in Genome Bioinformatics leading to the Master of Science degree and to terminate the existing major in Biostatistics leading to the Master of Public Health in the Graduate School of Public Health.**

The Graduate School of Public Health proposed to establish a new major in Genome Bioinformatics leading to the Master of Science degree. The new major is aimed to train computational analysts to be experts at manipulating, annotating, and interpreting human genome data and will seek jobs primarily outside of academia.

The request to terminate the existing major in Biostatistics leading to the Master of Public Health (MPH) was made for two reasons. First, this major has historically had very low enrollment and currently has zero students registered. Second, the specialized accreditors no longer require Biostatistics to be a major offered in the MPH degree. No changes to the Biostatistics major leading to the Master of Science degree will be made at this time.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that both the new major and termination be approved. All members voted in favor of the motion in both cases.

**Proposal to establish a new major in Quantitative Economics leading to the Master of Science degree in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences.**

The Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences proposed to establish a new major in Quantitative Economics leading to the Master of Science degree. The new major will inform decision making with sophisticated data analysis and train students to communicate the analysis and the implications for decisions.

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

**Proposal to establish a new major in Health Informatics leading to the Master of Science degree and four new graduate certificates: 1) Health Data Analytics, 2) Health Information Cybersecurity, 3) Revenue Cycle Management and 4) Leadership and Health Informatics and to terminate two ARCOs.**

The School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences proposed to establish a new major in Health Informatics to the Master of Science degree and four graduate certificates as listed above. The new programs will be offered both on-campus and on-line and will address the changing educational needs of health informatics professionals by providing advanced knowledge and skills to improve quality of healthcare, make healthcare available to remote and underserved populations, and reduce the cost of healthcare.

In addition, the School proposed to terminate the Healthcare Supervision and Management as well as the Health Information Systems areas of concentration within the Health and Rehabilitation Sciences major leading to the Master of Science degree. Students currently enrolled in the ARCOs will be given the option to transfer to the new major or maintain their current enrollment.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the new major, four graduate certificates and ARCO terminations be approved. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **Regulations Review/Discussion**

Suggested language to modify the current guideline, "Regulations of Undergraduate Students for Graduate Courses" was presented. Council provided feedback and Dr. Urban will update accordingly. An updated draft will be presented at a future UCGS meeting for a formal vote.

### **Announcements (given by Dr. Nathan Urban)**

1. Graduate Student Unionization
2. Graduate Commencement – Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 PM – Petersen Event Center
3. Four winners of the Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring
  - A. William Layton – Arts & Sciences, Mathematics
  - B. John Markoff – Arts & Sciences, Sociology
  - C. Michael Sayette – Arts & Sciences, Psychology
  - D. George Tseng – GSPH, Biostatistics
4. 3MT Winners
  - A. First Place – Piyusha Gade – Swanson School of Engineering
  - B. Runner Up & People's Choice – Gerald Ferrer – Swanson School of Engineering
  - C. Runner Up – Jacqueline Lombard – Arts & Sciences

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05