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University Council on Graduate Study Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Members Attending

Paul Bové (A&S – Humanities), Rachel Coombs (GPSG – President), Vivian Curran (Law), Sabina Deitrick (GSPIA), Sandie Engberg (Nursing), Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Dennis Galletta (Katz), Katie Greeno (Social Work), Holger Hooch (Arts and Sciences), Prashant Krishnamurthy (School of Computing & Information), Jung-Kun Lee (Engineering), Patti Mathay (University Registrar's Office), Lindsay Matsumura (Education), Sam Poloyac (Pharmacy), Jay Rajgopal (Engineering), Ashley Shafer (GPSG – Education), Charlene Travato (Education), Nathan Urban (Chair), Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff), Christine Wankiiri-Hale (Dental Medicine)

Guests

Katrina Bartow (Education), Haider Hamoudi (Law), Martha Mannix (Law), Rochelle Woods (Education)

The minutes from the March 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

Academic Planning Proposals

Proposal to establish a new online major in Curriculum and Instruction leading to the Master of Education degree within the School of Education.

The primary audience is people who are currently practicing teaching, but the STEAM aspect of the program is attractive to other populations such as those working museums. The school hopes the projected enrollment for this new program will be equal to the sum of the smaller programs that are being combined to form this new program. The smaller programs will be proposed to terminate in the School of Ed reorg proposal coming in June 2020.

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

Proposal to terminate the Certificate in Civil Litigation and to establish an Area of Concentration in Civil Litigation within the Law major leading to the Juris Doctor degree within the School of Law.

The School of Law determined that the Civil Litigation focus would be better served as an Area of Concentration as students from outside of the JD program should not be permitted to enroll. To correct this, a new ARCO will be created, and the current certificate will be terminated. In addition, the ARCO will decrease to a 15-credit requirement from the 23-

credit certificate. Employers have not perceived other transitions from certificates to ARCOs as negative and so that is not a concern with this proposal.

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

Review of Regulations

Trainees & Fellows Guidelines

Intro: historically there have been guidelines for TA/TF/GSA/GRS, but never for Pre-doctoral Fellows or Trainees. The Graduate Procedures subcommittee drafted the proposed document included in the meeting materials.

Proposal includes: Definitions, formal guidance about health insurance coverage is required, clarification that these appointments are not employees yet it explains the need for an I9, removal from the appointment and appeals guidance.

Discussion: Resolve the three marginal comments in draft attached to meeting minutes. The resolutions were resolved in the discussion.

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

Announcements

- If any of the programs in your school are discussing delaying the start of a fall term program, OTP needs to review & approve.
- Reminder of June meeting to be held on June 16 at 3:00
- Reimagining Pitt Education Task Force – working out a plan for fall and beyond. Share your thoughts and questions with NNU.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.