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University Council on Graduate Study Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

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

Members Attending

Nathan Urban (Office of the Provost, Chair), Jessica Burke (GSPH), 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), Satish Iyengar (Arts and Sciences), Ken Jordan (Interdisciplinary), Patti Mathay (University Registrar's Office), Lindsay Clare Matsumura (Education), Tara Meyer (Arts and Sciences), Paul Nelson (GSPIA), Sam Poloyac (Pharmacy), Christine Wankiiri-Hale (Dental Medicine), and Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff)

Minutes

The minutes from the April 2019 meeting were approved.

Guests

Mary Bigante (Office of Student Affairs – CARS), Jackie Calhoun (Nursing), Amro El-Jaroudi (Engineering), John Jakicic (Education), John Keeler (GSPIA), Joanna Mittereder (Office of Student Affairs – CARS), and Jennifer Seng (Office of University Counsel)

Proposal to establish a new online graduate certificate in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) in the School of Education.

The School of Education proposed to establish a new graduate certificate in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). The new certificate will teach educators how to design learning experiences that incorporate math, science art and engineering, and show students how to apply multiple methods to solve authentic programs. Potentially interested parties outside of teachers include, museum educators or those working in the field of education technology.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members voted 13 in favor and 1 abstention.

Proposal to establish a new area of concentration in Health and Wellness Management within the existing Health and Physical Activity major leading to the Master of Science degree within the School of Education

The School of Education proposed to establish a new area of concentration (ARCO) with the Health and Physical Activity major leading to the Master of Science degree. The new ARCO will provide managerial skills to student who are already working in the

health and physical activity (HPA) space. Many courses in the curriculum will be taught by faculty in the Katz Graduate School of Business. Admissions requirements will include a background in HPA to avoid attracting students who are interesting in an MBA degree.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members voted 13 in favor and 1 abstention.

Proposal to establish a new major and minor in Social Policy leading to the Master of Public Administration and Master of International Development degrees in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs

The Graduate School of Public and International Affairs proposed to establish a new major in Social Policy leading to the Master of Public Administration and Master of International Development degrees. In addition, GSPIA proposed to create a new minor in Social Policy, which will be available to students enrolled in other graduate schools at Pitt. The new programs will develop the skills to analyze social needs and the public policies and administrative processes to help alleviate them in the United States and around the world.

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 graduate certificate in Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Proposal to establish an area of concentration in Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner within the existing Nurse Practitioner major leading to the DNP degree within the School of Nursing

The School of Nursing proposed to establish a new graduate certificate in Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and to establish an area of concentration in Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner within the existing Nurse Practitioner major leading to the DNP degree. The new programs will produce graduate who are ready to provide quality health care to acutely, critically, and chronically ill children and their families. If Pennsylvania moves to adopt the Nursing Consensus Model, those holding a DNP degree and working in this area of specialization will be required to go back for the credential. Therefore, it is expected that demand for these programs will increase in the future.

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

Proposal to rename the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree type to the Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering and to rename the major leading to the PhD degree in the same way

The Swanson School of Engineering proposed to rename the Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree type to the Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering and to rename the major leading to the PhD degree in the same way. All students will be moved to the new programs.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval to change the name of the degree type and major. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation – Care and Resource Support (CARS)

Mary Bigante and Jennifer Seng discussed the Care and Resource Support (CARS) team. The CARS team is comprised of core members, including representatives from various offices in Division of Student Affairs, Title IX, University Counsel, Office of the Provost, and Pitt Police as well as school representatives who attend as needed. CARS meets weekly in the fall and spring terms to track and assist students of concern.

Regulations Review/Discussion

Council continued to discuss modifications to the current guideline, “Regulations of Undergraduate Students for Graduate Courses” within Regulations Governing Graduate Study was presented. The subject will be tabled and revisited in the fall while more information was gathered.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00