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University Council on Graduate Study Minutes

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
3:00-5:00 p.m. 817 Cathedral of Learning

Members Attending

Nathan Urban (Office of the Provost, Chair), Paul Bové (A&S Humanities), Jessica Burke (GSPH), Rachel Coombs (GPSG – President), Sabina Deitrick (GSPIA), Rose Hoffman (Substitute - Nursing), John Horn (Medicine), Kelley Fitzgerald (SHRS), Sara Moeller (Substitute - Katz), Elizabeth Hernandez-Pease (GPSG – Policy Research Analysis), Holger Hock (Arts and Sciences), Prashant Krishnamurthy (SCI), Jung-Kun Lee (Engineering), Patti Mathay (University Registrar's Office), Tara Meyer (Arts and Sciences), Sam Poloyac (Pharmacy), Jayant Rajgopal (Engineering), Andrew Strathern (A&S Social Sciences), Charlene Trovato (Education), Yan (Ann) Wang (GPSG – Instruction and Learning), Christine Wankiiri-Hale (Dental Medicine), and Jennifer Walker (Office of the Provost, Staff)

Guests

Lev Khazanovich (Engineering), Prakash Mirchandani (Katz)

Proposal to establish a joint master's program in Supply Chain Management and Industrial Engineering within the Katz Graduate School of Business and Swanson School of Engineering

The Katz Graduate School of Business and the Swanson School of Engineering proposed to establish a new joint Master's degree program between the existing Industrial Engineering and Supply Chain Management programs. The new joint program will provide engineering students with instruction in business administration and students with supply chain background with technical engineering training. The joint program will share 12 credits, thus requiring a total of 48 credits for the two Master of Science degrees.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the proposal be approved. Members voted 19 in favor and 1 abstention.

Presentation – Title IX

Katie Pope, Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, talked about the Title IX process here at the University. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion's 2018 – 2019 Annual Report includes statistics about Title IX reports and investigations.

https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/Pitt%20Diversity%202018-19%20Annual_ADAAcompliant.pdf

There will be two upcoming events related to Title IX and Diversity & Inclusion:

- Title IX Faculty Forum with Katie Pope & Jenn Seng on Tuesday, October 22 from 12:00 – 1:30 in 2500 Posvar Hall
- Office of Diversity and Inclusions Training for Students on Tuesday, October 22 from 2:30 – 4:30 in 2500 Posvar Hall

Regulations Review/Discussion

Registration of Undergraduate Students for Graduate Courses

Council revisited proposed modifications to the current guideline, “Regulations of Undergraduate Students for Graduate Courses” within Regulations Governing Graduate Study. The changes proposed include: “Undergraduate students who need fewer than 30 credits to complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree and who intend to continue study toward an advanced degree may be permitted during their final year to register for graduate courses which will later apply toward a graduate degree.”

Council voted unanimously to recommend approval of this change to the Provost.

Dual, Joint and Cooperative Degree Programs

Council discussed proposed modifications to the current guideline “Dual, Joint and Cooperative Degree Programs,” within Regulations Governing Graduate Student. The proposed changes included: 1) removing the limitation that a dual, joint or cooperative degree program cannot be between two doctoral (PhD) degrees, 2) clarify that a cooperative degree is permissible with an international institution, and 3) remove the requirement that students must be admitted to both programs at the same time.

Council discussed at length and voted in favor (19 in favor and 1 opposed) of recommending approval pending the following modifications are made: 1) spell out University of Pittsburgh in all relevant areas, 2) remove the sentence “for example” from the second paragraph, and 3) modify the last sentence to accommodate item 3 above.

Discussions

Two primary focuses of Academic Year 19-20 will be on mentoring and the graduate faculty. Over the upcoming year, Council will discuss questions such as: should there be a formal process established to remove graduate faculty status, should there be a term appointment associated with Graduate Faculty status that is renewable, how can mentoring be assessed, and should there be a process in place to remove the mentoring privilege?

Announcements

- Family Health Insurance Plan Issue
- Graduate Student Unionization Update
- Revisions to UCGS Bylaws
- Academic Analytics
- Title IX Faculty Process Discussion – October 22 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM in 2500 Posvar Hall
- Diversity & Inclusion Training for Graduate Students – October 22 from 2:30 – 4:30 in 2500 Posvar Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05