



University of
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Office of the Provost
Graduate Studies

**University Council on Graduate Study Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

Presentation

Amanda Godley, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies in the Office of the Provost, and Chair of UCGS welcomed everyone and facilitated introductions. She then gave a brief presentation to members highlighting the responsibilities of the committee, what to expect at the monthly meetings, how to access proposals in Curriculog, websites and resources for reviewing academic planning proposals, and the landscape of graduate and professional student enrollment across the University.

Academic Planning Proposals

School of Health and Rehabilitation Science to change the name of the Doctor of Physician Assistant Science (DPAS) degree type to the Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc)

When the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences established the Doctor of Physician Assistant Science degree type in 2021, they were among the first across the nation to establish such a degree and there was little consensus on the nomenclature. Over the past three years, there has been significant growth in this field and the consensus on the nomenclature has become Doctor of Medical Science. Enrollment of Pitt's DPAS degree program has decreased as students feel the degree will not be recognized in the field, and therefore they are petitioning to change the name of the degree type. There will be no changes to the curriculum and there is no budgetary impact. Upon final approval of the name change, students currently enrolled in the DPAS program will be given the option to complete the program under the original degree type or switch to the new degree type name.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost and Chancellor that the proposal be approved. Members present voted in favor of recommending approval (24 in favor and 1 abstention).

Announcements

The Provost's Awards for Excellence in Doctoral Mentoring is now accepting nominations. Please encourage people in your school to nominate someone
<https://www.provost.pitt.edu/doctorsal-mentoring-awards>



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Attendance

School	Title 1	First	Last
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	Grad Faculty	Marc	Coutanache
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	Grad Faculty	Peng	Liu
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences	Grad Student	PraiseGod	Aminu (sub for Oluwajuwon Adenuga)
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs	Grad Faculty	Luke	Condra
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs	Grad Student	Michaela	Cushing Daniels
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs	Grad Student	Zena	Kesselman
Katz Graduate School of Business	Grad Student	Denise	Bergdolt
Katz Graduate School of Business	Grad Faculty	Sara	Moeller (sub for Badawy)
Office of the Provost	Chair	Amanda	Godley
Office of the Provost	Staff	Jennifer	Walker
Office of the Registrar, Observer	Staff	Jonathan	Helm
School of Computing and Information	Grad Faculty	James	Joshi
School of Computing and Information	Grad Student	Sai	Vivek Chava
School of Dental Medicine	Grad Faculty	Dobrawa	Napierala
School of Education	Grad Faculty	Michael	Gunzenhauser
School of Education	Grad Faculty	Linda	DeAngelo
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Grad Student	Abdulmohsen	Alroumi
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Grad Faculty	Mark	DeRuiter
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Grad Faculty	Michael	Dickey
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Grad Faculty	Ketki	Raina
School of Law	Grad Faculty	Joshua	Ash
School of Medicine	Grad Student	Brooke	Dresden
School of Medicine	Grad Faculty	Saleem	Khan
School of Nursing	Grad Student	Myeong-ga	Cho
School of Nursing	Grad Faculty	Elizabeth	Schlenk
School of Pharmacy	Grad Faculty	Kerry	Empey
School of Pharmacy	Grad Student	Christina	Kazarov
School of Public Health	Grad Faculty	Jeanine	Buchanich



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School of Public Health	Grad Faculty	Ying	Ding
School of Social Work	Grad Faculty	Sara	Goodkind
SEPC	Grad Faculty	Michelle	Schein
Swanson School of Engineering	Grad Faculty	Bryan	Brown
Swanson School of Engineering	Grad Faculty	Jung-Kun	Lee
Swanson School of Engineering	Grad Faculty	Bob	Parker

Presenters:

School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: David Beck