

**TO:** University Council on Graduate Study  
**FROM:** Patricia Beeson  
**DATE:** April 24, 2007  
**SUBJECT: Next Meeting of Council: Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
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If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send a substitute in your place and e-mail Paula Janikowski (paulaj@provost.pitt.edu) or phone (x4-0790).

## **AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes, March 13, 2007** (*attached*)
  
- II. Program Proposal: MSW-JD Joint Degree Program** (*attached*)  
The proposed joint degree program leading to the Master of Social Work (MSW) and the Juris Doctor (JD) was developed by the School of Social Work and the School of Law. The program focuses on a variety of areas in which social work and law converge, including child welfare, aging, health, mental health, juvenile and criminal justice, family issues, and housing. Each school has noted that their students sometimes seek both degrees independently, so a formal, joint program will ease that process and attract additional students. The program requires four years for completion with a minimum of 75 credits in the School of Law and 46 credits in the School of Social Work. Upon graduation, students will be prepared to work in a number of related fields, including direct legal services, advocacy, management or administration of social service organizations, and governmental and policy areas.
  
- III. Revised Program Proposal: Doctor of Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health**  
This program was previously reviewed by UCGS at the February 14, 2006 meeting. The program's aim is to provide advanced professional education for individuals who desire leadership positions in high-level administration and/or decision making in an Environmental Health setting. The Graduate School of Public Health has responded to the clarifications requested in the documented entitled "Response to University Council on Graduate Studies." A letter of support from the new Dean of Public Health is also included. (*Revised proposal and supporting documents attached*)
  
- IV. Revised Program Proposal: Certificate in Nursing Research**

This certificate program was previously reviewed as a Certificate in Clinical Research at the February 13, 2007 UCGS meeting. Council requested additional information about the proposal, and a vote on the certificate program was tabled. (*Revised proposal attached. Appendices are not included.*)

**V. Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Graduate Procedures Subcommittee report on updating the Regulations Governing Graduate Study (*attached*)
- B. Graduate Student Affairs report on childbirth accommodation policies

**VI. Other Business**

- A. Update on Graduate Student Health Insurance
- B. Report on the 2007 Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring
- C. Pittsburgh website update

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Attachments

cc: Barbara Repasi Heron  
Michele Colvard