University Council on Graduate Study
April 21, 2015
Minutes
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
817 Cathedral of Learning

Members Attending
Alberta Sbragia (Provost’s Office and Arts and Sciences, Chair), Kathleen, Blee (Arts and Sciences, Associate Dean), Vivian Curran (Law), Sandra Engberg (School of Nursing), Dennis Galletta (Business), Teresa Hastings (Interdisciplinary Programs), Daqing He (School of Information Sciences), John Horn (Medicine), Paul Johnston (School of Pharmacy), John Markoff (Arts and Sciences – Social Sciences), Lindsay Clare Matsumura (Education), Jayant Rajgopal (Engineering), Linda Rinaman (Arts and Sciences), Elizabeth Skidmore (Health and Rehabilitation Sciences), Martin Staniland (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs), Jennifer Walker (Provost’s Office), Travis Wisor (University Registrar’s Office)

Guests
Tony Infanti (Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Law) and William Carter (Dean, Law)

Proposals
Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Care Compliance via Pitt Online from the School of Law
The presenter discussed how the new online certificate will attract working professionals who are not lawyers. The program will teach the skills needed to ensure that a health care organization and its employees are in compliance with all relevant laws. It is expected that the initial class size will begin with approximately 15 students and grow to nearly 30 in the future.

Council briefly discussed the proposed new master’s program. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the new certificate be approved. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Proposal to Establish a Cooperative Program between the Existing JD Program in the School of Law and the Master of Science in Information Security Policy & Management in the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University
The presenter discussed how the new cooperative program combines strengths of Pitt and CMU to fill an up and coming field of information security. Drawing on the interdisciplinary nature of the program will allow for practical skill sets to solve economic and social problems that require technological, managerial, and legal expertise.

Council briefly discussed the proposed new cooperative program. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that it be approved. All members voted in favor of the motion.
Proposal Change to the Early Admission Program as stated in Regulations Governing Graduate Studies
Council discussed the proposed changes to the Early Admission Program section as stated in Regulations Governing Graduate Studies. Currently, regulations allows for early admissions program with the University of Pittsburgh only. The proposed modifications would allow early admission programs with other undergraduate institutions.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that early admissions programs with institutions other than Pitt be approved providing further clarifications are made to Regulations. The clarifications include: 1) Clarifying the sentence, “At the University of Pittsburgh, no more than 24 graduate credits can be counted towards the undergraduate degree.” 2) Add a sentence that specifically explains that the undergraduate degree must be granted before the graduate degree. 3) Address whether early admissions program could be arranged with international institutions. Twelve members voted in favor of the motion and one voted against.

Proposal to Establish an Early Admission Program to the JD program for undergraduate students from Carlow University submitted by the School of Law
The presenter discussed how 3/3 programs have been popular among law schools for some time and their proposal is an effort to stay competitive in their field. It was noted that there will be no changes to the JD requirements and that quality of students is more important than quantity.

Council discussed the proposed new early admissions program. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Provost that the new early admission program be approved pending the final approval of the changes made to regulations. Twelve members voted in favor of the motion and one voted against.

Announcements
The minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.