TO: University Council on Graduate Study

FROM: Patricia Beeson

DATE: January 3, 2008

SUBJECT: Next Meeting of Council: Tuesday, January 8, 2008, 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, November 13, 2007 (attached)

II. Announcements

III. Program Proposal: Ph.D. Program in Health Services Research and Policy (attached) According to the Board of Health Care Services, Health Services Research is a “Multi-disciplinary field of inquiry, both basic and applied, that examines the use, costs quality, accessibility, delivery, organization, financing and outcomes of health care services to increase knowledge and understanding of the structures, processes and effects of health services for individuals and populations.” The research focus can be on polices at the national, state and local level, the management and operation of organizations or public health agencies, and the experience of individual users of health care and public health services. This proposed program will prepare students for positions in academia, government or the private sector as experts in health services research and policy.

IV. Program Proposal: Ph.D. Program in Learning Sciences and Policy (attached) This proposed program will bring three groups of faculty expertise together into a collaborative research and training program: learning sciences in education, the study of teaching and learning within disciplines such as mathematics, literacy and science, and educational organization and policy. Students will be trained to research the relationship between policy and practice with a special emphasis on the role of learning.

This proposed program is intended to replace the existing Ph.D. program in Cognitive Studies within the Department of Instructional Learning, and once all
active students have finished, the Cognitive Studies program will be closed.

V. Presentation by David Clubb, Director of the Office of International Programs

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Attachments

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