TO: University Council on Graduate Study

FROM: Patricia Beeson

DATE: May 5, 2009

SUBJECT: Next Meeting of Council: Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. 817 Cathedral of Learning

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send a substitute in your place and e-mail Paula Janikowski (plj5@pitt.edu) or phone (x4-0790).

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes, April 14, 2009 (attached)

II. Announcements

III. Mental Health Issues for Graduate and Professional Students Presentation by Dr. James Cox, Director of the University Counseling Center
Dr. Cox will address mental health concerns and issues of graduate and professional students that the Counseling Center is addressing.

IV. Proposed modification of University Policy 09-02-01 Assessment of English Language Proficiency for Admission (attached)
There are two revisions to this policy presented for review. Revisions are highlighted in the attachment.
   1. The reference to the Computer-based TOEFL test is out of date. This test was last administered in September 2006 and test scores are valid for two years.
   2. Define another basis for assessing that the applicant has the required proficiency.

V. Graduate and Professional Student Assembly 2008-2009 Report by Byron Kohut

VI. Example of International Collaboration: GSPIA and Kobe University
GSPIA will discuss their current efforts to develop a program with the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies at Kobe University in Japan. Students who will participate in this program will earn a second degree or take courses to complement those available at their home institution.