TO: University Council on Graduate Study
FROM: Alberta Sbragia
DATE: June 14, 2013
SUBJECT: Next Meeting of Council: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in 817 Cathedral of Learning

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send a substitute in your place and notify Paula Janikowski by e-mail at plj5@pitt.edu.

REvised AGENDA

I. Welcome

II. Proposal to Establish a Major and Minor in Energy and Environment leading to the Master of Public Administration from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (attached)
The proposed major and minor were designed to provide policy expertise and training to meet the needs of government agencies who are attempting to respond to the opportunities and challenges of shale gas extraction and the needs of companies attempting to navigate the regulatory environment within which business operates. It will complement other programs by focusing mainly on energy governance. Seven new courses will be developed and the attached appendix includes the syllabus for each course.

III. Proposal to Establish Graduate and Post-baccalaureate Certificates in Big Data Analytics from the School of Information Sciences (attached)
The proposed certificates were designed to meet needs of professionals with either a BS or MS degree in Information Science or a related field who want to expand their professional skills and qualifications in the big data analysis field. The School plans to submit a proposal to offer these certificates in Pitt Online. The post-baccalaureate certificate will be subject to federal Gainful Employment requirements.

IV. Proposal to Modify the Existing PhD and EdD programs from the School of Education (two proposals attached)
This proposal came out of extended review of the School’s doctoral offerings and the desire to further raise the quality of the programs. The goal of the proposal to modify the PhD and a companion set of changes in the EdD offerings is to clarify the purpose of each degree. Henceforth, it is proposed that the purpose of the PhD in the School of Education be the preparation of strong scholar-researchers who will be the next
generation of research university faculty or top scholars in major research institutes. It is also proposed that the EdD be the terminal professional degree that prepares educators for leadership positions in school systems and in higher education management.

V. Approval of Minutes, May 21, 2013 *(attached)*

VI. Announcements

**Reminders**

1. Gateway Clipper Orientation for new international graduate students will be held on **Thursday afternoon on August 15, 2013**. The event is sponsored by the Office of International Services, with support from the Office of the Provost. **Please hold the date on your calendar and consider encouraging your new international students to attend.** Typically, one faculty member from each school is asked to attend to meet their students. The orientation will be held on a larger boat, so that more students can attend.

   **Students who wish to attend can purchase tickets for $5 at the Office of International Services Welcome Table beginning on August 7, 2013.** Transportation leaving and returning to campus as well as light snacks and beverages will be provided. Students can send their questions about the event to OIS at OISnew@pitt.edu.

2. The university-wide orientation for graduate students featuring university-wide services, organizations, and resources will be held on **September 10, 2013** in the O’Hara Student Center from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Note that the date has been changed.**

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