TO: University Council on Graduate Study

FROM: Patricia Beeson

DATE: August 30, 2007

SUBJECT: Next Meeting of Council: Tuesday, September 11, 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. Introduction

II. Approval of Minutes, May 8, 2007 (attached)

III. 2006-2007 Annual Report of UCGS (attached)
UCGS bylaws state that the Council is to communicate its decisions to the faculty, students, and administrative officers of the University annually. I ask council to review the report prior to posting on our Web site.

IV. Program Proposal: Certificate Program in European Union Studies (attached)
The graduate-level certificate program in European Union Studies was developed by the European Union Center of Excellence and the Center for Russian and East European Studies in UCIS and will be open to all students currently enrolled in a master’s or doctoral program at the University of Pittsburgh. The purpose of the proposed certificate is to provide students with a cohesive program of study on the EU that will prepare students for success in academic, business, governmental, and other environments. Students in the program will gain an understanding of both the internal dynamics of EU institutions, processes, policies, and member states, as well as the EU’s external relationships with other world regions.

V. Program Proposal: Master of Science Degree Program in Prosthetics And Orthotics (attached)
The Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics is a professional master’s degree proposed by the Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Orthotics and Prosthetics is the evaluation, design, fabrication, and custom fitting of artificial limbs and orthopedic braces. The American
Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics recently recommended that the entry-level degree in the profession change from separate bachelor’s degrees in orthotics and prosthetics to a combined master’s degree that includes internships in order to better prepare practitioners to work as a member of a complete rehabilitation team of doctors and other professionals. The demand for orthotics and prosthetics professionals is expected to grow significantly as the current population of Baby Boomers ages, and there are currently only seven programs in orthotics and prosthetics in the United States. Students who complete the MSPO program will be qualified for employment in hospitals, private practice settings, or in orthotics and prosthetics manufacturing and development facilities.

VI. Program Proposal: Certificate Program in Community-Based Participatory Research and Practice (attached)
Community-Based Participatory Research and Practice (CBPRP) is an approach that actively involves community members as a way to address public health issues. CBPRP researchers collaborate with community representatives to assess community concerns and needs in relation to specific health issues. Students in this graduate-level certificate program will gain the skills and knowledge necessary to engage community members, employ local knowledge in the understanding of health problems and the design of interventions, and involve community members in the processes and products.

VII. Other Business
A. Endorse statement to include the Council of Deans approved Assessment Procedures as part of the academic program proposal submission process (attached)
B. Update on Regulations Governing Graduate Study Description
C. Announcement about a potential OIS program on international recruitment
D. Subcommittees (time permitting)

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Attachments

cc: Barbara Repasi Heron
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