Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

Program Proposal: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Post-Master’s Certificate Program
This program will allow nurses who have already earned a master’s degree in nursing to pursue additional training as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner.

Donna Nativio and Kathleen Godfrey presented an overview of the proposed certificate program. There is a national shortage of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners. Magee-Womens Hospital and Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh both welcome the University’s efforts to offer this program to train Neonatal Nurse Practitioners.

A council member asked if part-time students could complete the certificate. Many of their anticipated students will be part-time students who work as full-time nurses.

The presenters clarified that no new courses will need to be created in order to offer the proposed certificate program.

The presenters were excused. Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

Program Proposal: Master of Science Degree Program in Pharmacy Business Administration
This proposed program will be offered concurrently with the Pharmacy Practice Management Residency Program. Students completing both programs will be prepared to contribute to the leadership of pharmacy management.

Scott Mark presented an overview of this proposed program. Approximately 75-80% of leaders in pharmacy will be leaving the field. Currently residents in the Pharmacy Practice Management Residency Program may pursue a MPH with a modified pharmacy management track. The primary objective of this proposed program is to provide a theoretical foundation in pharmacy business administration beyond the experience that
the students gain during the residency program.

A council member asked why the degree was offered in the School of Pharmacy and not the School of Business. The presenter explained that the proposed program has special core courses in pharmacy management that are not offered in the MBA program. Another council member asked why the cases listed in the syllabi appear to be exclusively business cases instead of cases specialized to pharmacy management. The curriculum starts as a basic business core and then moves to applications specific to pharmacy management.

A council member asked which of the courses in the proposal are new. Two courses, Pharmacy Business Administration III and IV, will be offered for the first time this summer and fall, respectively.

The presenter was excused. During the following discussion, Council members noted the following questions about the proposal:

- How does the proposed Master of Science program academically compare to the existing Master of Public Health with a Management Pharmacy Administration Track and a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Pharmacy Management?
- How does this proposed program compare to programs offered at other universities? What motivated the inclusion of courses that compose the proposed program?
- What degree types are offered by other programs at other universities?
- What is the anticipated size of the program?

A vote on the program was tabled until further information can be obtained to answer these questions.

**Revised Program Proposal: Doctor of Public Health in Environmental and Occupational Health**

This program has been previously reviewed by Council at the February 14, 2006 and May 8, 2007 meetings. At the May meeting, Council decided to table a vote of the program and requested further clarification about the difference between the DrPH and the PhD. The revised proposal includes a comparison of the requirements for both degrees.

James Peterson and Conrad Volz presented an overview of the proposed DrPH program. He explained that the PhD and the DrPH programs attract two different students. Research for the PhD is hypothesis driven and results in publications. Research for the DrPH more typically (but not always) results an advisory document to be implemented to improve public health.

A council member asked about the number of core faculty available for this proposed program. The number of core faculty is currently five but this is expected to grow slowly. There will probably be a shift to hire faculty who hold a DrPH degree.

A council member asked if this program can be completed part time. The intent is to
make room for part-time students, so long as they could carry out their proposed research. Many students will first complete a MPH and then decide to pursue the DrPH.

The presenters were excused. Council voted unanimously to approve the proposal.

Student Affairs Subcommittee Update (see submitted report) Council members discussed a draft version of the parental accommodation recommendation. Members discussed keeping the statement general so that schools might be able to implement a policy (if approved) suitable to their programs. Revisions to the draft statement included:

- adding the condition of good academic standing
- changing graduate chair to program director
- adding a statement about leave of absence
- adding the TA/TF/GSA accommodations for serious illness or physical incapacitation.

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly 2007-2008 Report (see submitted report) Byron Kohut summarized the student discount program organized by the previous GPSA administration. Byron reported that three GPSA presidents attended a private meeting with Presidential Candidate Ron Paul. Bryon announced the new officers for the 2008-2009 term. Byron reported that a primary goal of 2008-2009 will be to develop a mission and vision that is truly representative of the entire GPSA population.

Revised Program Proposal: Graduate and Post-baccalaureate Certificate Programs in Community-Based Participatory Research and Practice (postponed)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting of Council, if necessary, will be announced by email.