University Council on Graduate Study  
February 19, 2013  
Minutes  
3:00-5:00 p.m.  
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Attending  
Karen Arndt (Arts and Sciences), Kathleen Blee (Arts and Sciences), Stephen Carr (Arts and Sciences), Valire Copeland (Social Work), Dennis Galletta (Business), David Givens (Graduate and Professional Student Government), Michael Gunzenhauser (Education), Stephanie Hoogendoorn (Provost’s Office), John Horn (Medicine), Anthony Petrosky (Education), Alberta Sbragia (Provost’s Office and Arts and Sciences, Chair), Chandralekha Singh (Arts and Sciences), Elizabeth Skidmore (Health and Rehabilitation Sciences), Heiko Spallek (Dental Medicine), Travis Wisor (Registrar’s Office)

Approval of the Minutes  
The minutes from the November 20, 2012 meeting were approved. Chandralekha Singh was added to list of attendees for the November 20 minutes.

Proposal to Establish Graduate and Post-baccalaureate Certificates in Autism from the School of Education  
The proposed program aims to provide students instruction in this subject area, as well as partially fulfill the requirements to obtain the Pennsylvania Department of Education Program Endorsement in Autism. One new course and one new practicum are needed. The Post-baccalaureate program will be subject to federal Gainful Employment requirements, and the School acknowledges the necessary reporting and disclosure requirements.

Council briefly discussed the proposed certificates. A motion was made and seconded to approve to establish the Graduate and Post-baccalaureate Certificates. Members voted in favor of the motion.

Announcements  
Versatile PhD is an online resource to help humanities and social science graduate students prepare for non-academic careers. Pitt has recently subscribed to this site as a University Member, which will allow our students access to the premium content on the site, http://versatilephd.com/. In summer 2013, the site will expand to include STEM.

Data from the Association of American Universities Data Exchange on 2011-12 graduate stipends for Teaching Assistantships (TAs), Teaching Fellowships (TFs), and Graduate Student Researchers (GSRs) were discussed.

Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG)  
David Givens announced that the GPSG seeks candidates for each of the five Executive Board officers, available in May 2013. This opportunity is open to all graduate students. Each officer position includes a yearly stipend of at least $3,000.

GPSG seeks to fill an opening for an Administrative Assistant position beginning May 1, 2013. The position includes a Graduate Student Assistant appointment for the fall and spring semesters.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.