Proposal to Establish Graduate and Post-baccalaureate Certificates in Electric Power Engineering from the Swanson School of Engineering

The proposed certificates were designed primarily to meet the workforce development needs for electrical energy professionals in Electric Power Engineering. The majority of the masters-level courses in the proposed program will be offered as in-class and synchronous distance learning options. Three new courses will be developed. The post-baccalaureate certificate will be subject to federal Gainful Employment requirements.

Council briefly discussed the proposed program. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new certificates. Members voted in favor of recommending that the certificates be approved by the Provost.

Proposal to Establish an Early Admission Option for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from the School of Nursing

The School seeks approval to establish an early admissions option to its Doctor of Nursing Practice program by Registered Nurses (RN) who are pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This program is an extension of the existing RN to Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) track that was approved in 2008.

Council discussed the proposed early admissions option. A motion was made and seconded to approve the option. Members voted in favor of recommending that the program be approved by the Provost.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the February 19, 2013 meeting were approved.
Announcements
Pitt recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Defense for participation in the Tuition Assistance program. As a first step of implementation, the Office of Veterans Services (http://www.veterans.pitt.edu/) is working to establish procedures to identify current and potential graduate and undergraduate students who are either a veteran, national guard or active duty member or who are using military or veteran educational benefits to pay for tuition. More instructions will be forthcoming to the dean’s offices about these the procedures and additional requirements to comply with the MOU, which is available online at: http://www.dodmou.com/admin/resources/dod%20mou-dec%2006%202012%20changes%20highlighted%20in%20red_11dec12.pdf

Council discussed recent changes established to ensure that students who have academic appointments are able to enroll in the graduate student health insurance plan that is provided along with their stipend. The employee record or appointment form must be submitted for all graduate student academic appointments to Faculty Records by June 15, 2013. We realize that this may be a change in operational procedure, and that not all appointments may be in compliance of this deadline. The bulk of your graduate student appointments must be submitted by June 15, and we will monitor this process to see how best to facilitate this deadline in future years.

Versatile PhD is an online resource to help humanities and social science graduate students prepare for non-academic careers. Pitt now subscribes 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. In order to view the premium content, please access the my.pitt.edu portal and clink on the “Versatile PhD at Pitt” link on the right hand side of the home page. Clicking on the link will establish your credential as affiliated with Pitt and bring you to a Versatile PhD login page. Upon completion of a one-time registration process, Pitt students, faculty, and staff will be allowed access to all areas of the site for an entire year after the initial login.

Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG)
David Givens presented an overview of their 2012-2013 activities and accomplishments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.