

March Committees Report

Committee	University Council on Graduate Study
GPSG Student Representative	Kaitlin Powers
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Meeting Date	March 19, 2019
Meeting Summary	<p>1. Proposal on new major in Management and Business Analytics in MS degree in Katz Graduate School of Business.</p> <p>2. Developing a Student Success Maker presentation: currently exploring options such as a certificate for faculty or a workshop for staff/faculty and venue for this to occur.</p> <p>3. Modification to the registration requirement in the term of graduation: "International students must be registered according to the conditions of their visa. Every student must have active status per Policy 09-04-01 in the term he or she expects to graduate of graduation."</p> <p>4. Discussion on undergraduate students taking graduate course: current language only allows undergraduates to take graduate courses during their last semester for the course to count towards a graduate degree; there's no new proposal, but there is a desire to change the language to allow for courses within a year/30 credits of graduation to be able to be counted towards a graduate degree. Proposal for new language is likely to be on the next meeting's agenda.</p> <p>5. Joint/Dual/Cooperative Degree: current regulations do not allow for cooperative degrees for doctoral degrees; interested in offering a doctoral degree program with Pitt and non-U.S. university.</p> <p>6. Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week is the first week of April.</p> <p>7. Elections for unionization of graduate and professional students is set for week of April 15 (likely over 4 days in one central location). 2,106 students are eligible voters. Emails were sent out to students that said they are eligible or ineligible to vote, but if any students think they've been wrongly categorized, they can contact the Office of the Provost.</p>
Next Scheduled Meeting	April 23, 2019

Committee	Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Advocacy
GPSG Student Representative	Emily Transue
Representative Email	EMT59@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	March 21, 2019
Meeting Summary	<p>Mostly discussed the status of the discussion on using GRE scores in admission. This is likely familiar to those who attending the grad student retreat last month.</p> <p>NOTE: Emily can make presentation/report created by the education subcommittee available to interested students.</p>
Next Scheduled Meeting	April 18, 2019

Committee	Bylaws and Procedures
GPSG Student Representative	Sam Herron
Representative Email	RSH35@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	March 22, 2019
Meeting Summary	<p>The meeting consisted primarily of a presentation by a Post Doctorate representative lobbying an amendment to expand the representation of Post Docs on the Council of the Senate. Notably the representative highlighted the fact that the average post doctorate position lasts for approximately 7 years, as opposed to the 2 year average of the past, and as such increased representation is justifiable partially on that basis. The matter will be discussed further and put to vote at future meetings. Additionally, alterations to the term limits of University Senate Officers was discussed. The nature of the alterations and whether they would be implemented was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.</p>
Next Scheduled Meeting	April 8, 2019

Committee	Senate Research Committee
GPSG Student Representative	Beverly Conrique
Representative Email	BGI2@pitt.edu
Meeting Date	March 29, 2019
Meeting Summary	<p>A goal to bring together a supported IT for faculty so that things for researchers/PIs/etc. become more centralized is one of the next steps Pitt admin want to do. This also includes resources like lab equipment to make knowledge that these equipment exist before a lab tries to buy a new equipment so the resources currently available are used. Another example is the conflict of interest (COI) super form, since this is also becoming more streamlined. After researchers/PIs/etc. fill out the first part then submit, the rest of this process is automated, and a goal is to make this even more automated.</p>
Next Scheduled Meeting	May 3, 2019