
AGENDA ITEMS 1 - 2 ARE INCLUDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs

A. College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

1) Major in Geobiology: New Major

The new major will strengthen existing programs in biology and geosciences and will offer students the opportunity to study an emerging field and an area of academic and research strength. The major will include fundamental and advanced training in biological and geological sciences. The new major will become effective Summer 2005.

B. College of Education

1) Major in Secondary Education: Social Studies Teaching Option: New Option; Citizenship Education Teaching Option: Change in Name from Social Studies/Citizenship Education Teaching Option

The addition of the Social Studies Teaching Option and the name change of the Social Studies/Citizenship Education Teaching Option to Citizenship Education Teaching Option reflect the Pennsylvania Department of Education's decision to continue granting certification in Social Studies. The changes will become effective Spring 2005.

C. College of the Liberal Arts

1) Bachelor of Science Major in Italian: New Major

The new Bachelor of Science in Italian will offer an applied science major to students and encourage students to prepare for careers in which fluency in Italian can be combined with training in other academic disciplines. The major will become effective Summer 2005.

2) Bachelor of Arts Major in Italian: Language and Literature Option and Italian Studies Option: New Options

The addition of the two new options will offer students more training skills for fluency in Italian and knowledge of Italian culture, civilization, and literature. The addition of the options will become effective Summer 2005.

1. Information on Undergraduate Programs (Continued)**D. Eberly College of Science****1) Forensic Sciences: New Major**

Forensic Science is the application of scientific principles and methods to assist criminal and civil investigations and litigations. This Forensic Science undergraduate major is an interdisciplinary collaboration among academic units relevant to forensic science. The major provides students with a strong foundation in the biological and physical sciences and introduces them to relevant topics in forensic chemistry, forensic anthropology forensic biology and appropriate social sciences. Students are educated on the role of forensic scientists in the criminal justice system and how scientific evidence can be used in that system.

Graduates of this major could pursue employment as a scientist in a federal, state, or private crime laboratory or with insurance companies, homeland security agencies, or the judicial community. One could also choose to pursue graduate study in forensics, possibly specializing in areas such as forensic psychology, anthropology, pathology, odontology, entomology, toxicology, or attend medical or law school. The new major will be effective Fall 2005.

2. Information on Graduate Programs**A. Master of Business Administration Degree Program at Penn State Harrisburg: Change in Program**

The proposal to change the requirements for the Master of Business Administration degree program at Penn State Harrisburg was approved by the Graduate Council at its December 15, 2004, meeting.

The Master of Business Administration program is being revised to provide students with personal and professional growth opportunities in the form of skill sets and competencies enabling them to contribute not only to business organizations, but also to the social milieu of which these organizations are an integral part. Changes include the addition of fifteen new courses to increase flexibility in scheduling and to provide variety to the program. In addition, entry requirements and pre-program courses have been strengthened to align with accreditation standards and to provide students with the requisite skills to engage in graduate-level study. The total credit requirement for the M.B.A. has not changed.

2. Information on Graduate Programs (Continued)**B. Master of Homeland Security in Public Health Preparedness in the College of Medicine: New Program**

The proposal to offer the Master of Homeland Security in Public Health Preparedness in the College of Medicine was approved by the Graduate Council at its January 19, 2005, meeting.

The Master of Homeland Security (MHS) is a professional degree sponsored by the College of Medicine and developed in collaboration with a number of academic colleges as well as the Graduate School. Graduates of the program will have a fundamental understanding of: 1) the principles of hazard analysis and incident management with respect to natural disasters, as well as chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents; 2) disaster planning and coordination; 3) agricultural safety and biosecurity; 4) critical infrastructure protection against disaster and terrorist emergencies; and, 5) the political, legal, psychological, and social aspects of terrorism and natural disasters. Graduates of the program will apply these principles across a wide variety of settings and situations. The MHS also complements a number of other strategic initiatives at the University.

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3. Informational Report on Humanities in Health Professions Education

Home of the first Department of Humanities in a medical school, the Penn State College of Medicine values medical education infused with a view of the patient as a person, a member of a family, and a member of a community. First-year medical students are introduced to these concepts in the Patient Project. Two students are matched with and visit the home of a seriously ill patient to learn about illness and care from the patient's and the family's perspective. The holistic, patient-centered, medical humanities approach is also the basis for a variety of new collaborative initiatives between the College of Medicine, the Rock Ethics Institute in the College of the Liberal Arts, and other programs on the University Park campus. An undergraduate minor in Bioethics and Medical Humanities is taking shape as a result.

Panelists will include Dr. James O. Ballard, Professor of Medicine, Pathology and Humanities; Dr. Nancy Tuana, DuPont/Class of 1949 Professor in Ethics, Professor of Philosophy, Humanities, and Women's Studies, and Director of the Rock Ethics Institute; and, students and patients involved in this important program.

4. **Informational Report on Advances in Pediatric Oncology–For the Kids**

This interactive presentation will demonstrate how the Penn State Dance Marathon has transformed The Four Diamonds Fund in providing world-class care for central Pennsylvania pediatric cancer patients and their families at Penn State Children's Hospital. Walking in the steps of a pediatric cancer patient, you will see how The Four Diamonds Fund provides superior care, comprehensive support, and innovative research.

Panelists will include Dr. A. Craig Hillemeier, Professor and Chair of Pediatrics, and Medical Director, Penn State Children's Hospital; Dr. David Ungar, Medical Director of UPC Pediatric Specialties Clinics and Pediatric Oncologist at the Penn State Children's Hospital; Dr. James R. Powell, Jr., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology; and, patient and family members involved in this world-renowned program.

5. **Pending Legal Matters**

An informational report will be presented on pending legal matters relating to policies normally considered by the Committee on Educational Policy.