

Senate Council
July 14, 2010

Potential Committee Charges

[snippet from UNAPPROVED May 27, 2010 Senate Council minutes]

- 1 • Senate's Academic Facilities Committee: No new buildings for programs housed within the College
2 of Arts and Sciences have been built in the past 35 years, and there is no information about how
3 vacated buildings (e.g. Pharmacy Building) will be utilized. The committee should solicit input on
4 physical plant needs from senators, faculty, Student Government Association and invite
5 administrators to present their priorities and associated rationales. A list of Senate priorities and
6 associated rationales should be developed and presented to the Senate for approval. This
7 committee can also communicate the Senate's facility priorities/rationales to the administration and
8 the Board of Trustees, through the faculty trustees.
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- 10 • Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee: This committee should be charged to
11 offer proactive response to pending legislation. It can review program criteria and standards, and
12 admission, probation and suspension policies. How do such policies in one college affect other
13 colleges? In addition, the committee should review the issue of transfer credit and how its impact
14 can be measured. Finally, what courses have been approved in the past for transfer credit, and how
15 are they reviewed for transfer credit?
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- 17 • Senate's Institutional Finance and Resource Allocation Committee: This committee should be
18 charged to review UK's budget and communicate with the Executive Vice President for Finance and
19 Administration and the University Budget Office. It is important for this committee to be given
20 access to detailed information in a proper and timely manner, particularly information pertaining to
21 potential, tentative plans for financial enhancements or reductions. Finally, the committee should
22 explore further administrative oversight of the budget for UK Athletics and the relation of the
23 Athletics budget to UK's general fund. It will be important to have some sort of schedule of annual
24 fiduciary deadlines/dates, as well as regular reports from pertinent financial areas.
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- 26 • Senate's Admissions Advisory Committee: A more appropriate name would be the "Enrollment
27 Committee." A written report as per the committee's charge in the *Senate Rules* should be offered
28 on the activities/changes that have taken place for the period of academic year 2001-2002 to the
29 present. Grossman **moved** to change the name of the committee to the "Senate's Enrollment
30 Management Advisory Committee" and McCorvey **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was
31 taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The issue of transfer credit and how its impact
32 can be measured should also be a part of this committee's purview.
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- 34 • Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee: A mechanism to communicate with faculty
35 and staff and offer faculty offering the opportunity to weigh in needs to be developed. The
36 committee must be proactive (not reactive) and should have regular meetings, including the SC
37 Chair, with the President regarding growth and development, and with the Provost regarding
38 academic issues. The committee can use these meetings to be informed of issues that are coming,
39 and can set meeting agendas accordingly. There should be a liaison from the Senate's Academic
40 Planning and Priorities Committee to the Provost-run UCAPP (University Committee on Academic
41 Planning and Priorities) and that liaison should offer an annual review. This committee could also

42 take the responsibility for identifying funding for programmatic forums for faculty. Another
43 possibility for this committee is a faculty award by the faculty, for the faculty. SC members
44 wondered what other universities do with respect to academic planning and academic priorities.
45 There was a suggestion that the SC utilize the SEC Affiliated Faculty Leaders group to find such
46 information.
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- 48 • Senate's Research Committee: This committee should look into the Division of Laboratory Animal
49 Resources (DLAR, dealing with ethics in animal management) as they relate to faculty research. In
50 addition, the committee should examine the policies by which grant management is established and
51 why the administrative response to faculty concerns is perceived as decreasing. The committee
52 should review the overall indemnification process for all of campus, as the process for clinical
53 research is only operational on the healthcare campus; there is no clear policy for indemnification
54 on main campus. Finally, there should be a review of benefits in the graduate education process –
55 graduate education expenses are increasingly being transferred to research funding awards, which
56 may not necessarily be the best management of graduate education. There was discussion about
57 the exceptionally detailed requirements of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
58 (IACUC), including, for example, directives on what types of sutures to use in animal surgery. It was
59 asserted that the DLAR administrative processes were handcuffing the IACUC processes.