Senate Council
April 1, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 1, 2013 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from March 25, 2013 and Announcements
The Chair said there were no corrections submitted, so the minutes from March 25, 2013 stood **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. There were a variety of announcements.

Senator Shelly Steiner will serve as the Senate Council's liaison to Employee Benefits Committee.

A SC member is needed to volunteer to serve on the Outstanding Senator Award Committee. Last year's recipient is also on the committee. Anderson said that she was willing to serve again, although she has been on it for the past two years. There were no objections to Anderson serving on the Outstanding Senator Award Committee.

The Chair handed out small printed cards with information on the UK's Quality Enhancement Plan, "Presentation U," in advance of the accreditation site visit from the Southern Association for the Accreditation of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Regarding the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Multidisciplinary Centers and Programs, the Chair reported that President Capilouto got back to her, but she had wanted to make the announcement when Grossman could be present. A couple of months ago Grossman was asked to present the report to deans. Subsequent feedback was that there are no critical problems requiring a solution at this point. The President will not pursue changes at this point, although Interim Provost Tim Tracy will prepare a matrix to better understand various centers. The President is still considering a dotted line reporting structure for the Vice President for Research (reporting to the President and the Provost). Provost's Liaison Richard Greissman said that deans had some of the same questions and concerns as did faculty members. A revision to the regulations should not drive anything, but rather revisions should be a codification of what has been agreed upon. While there are a few changes that could be made more easily, such as better defining an educational unit, definitive changes will wait until a permanent provost is hired.

2. Old Business
a. Proposed New Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)
The Chair reminded SC members that the pertinent concern regarded asking Guest Francis Bailey (AS/Modern and Classical Languages, Literature and Culture) said that Graduate School Dean Jeannine Blackwell about creating secondary appointments for the faculty of record. Bailey said Dean Blackwell is willing to make such appointments, but will do so after the degree is fully approved. She was satisfied with the roster after he made one change. SC members discussed the proposed changes. SC members asked that language be added to clarify the committee size as well as who (Graduate School Dean) makes appointments.

Anderson **moved** to send the proposal for a New Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) to the Senate with a positive recommendation, with the inclusion of language stating

the faculty of record committee size will include at least six people, and that appointments are made by the Dean of the Graduate School. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Power and Energy
The Chair said that at the last SC meeting, SC members asked for additional details on the faculty of record and how to add and remove faculty. Guest Larry Holloway (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering, chair) explained the changes that were made. He was asked to insert the following information into the proposal:

- The certificate director serves a six-year term.

- The director will be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School, upon the recommendation of the Dean of the College of Engineering.

- Remove the phrase "most closely" from page seven.

Brion **moved** to send the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Power and Energy to the Senate with a positive recommendation with the changes noted above. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. President's Evaluation by the Faculty
The Chair passed around a revised version of the proposed survey to evaluate of the president. The evaluation was not completed this past spring in time to be administered. When the Board of Trustees conducts its annual review of the President it can use the information gathered from faculty via the survey. SC members largely supported the proposed instrument although they spent some time adding and removing statements, as well as tweaking existing language. Due to the presence of invited guests, there were no objections to moving to the agenda items for which they attended.

d. Proposed Changes to *Governing Regulations I* ("The University of Kentucky")
Guest Marcy Deaton (Associate Legal Counsel) explained the revisions made subsequent to the prior week's SC meeting. Edwards **moved** to send the proposed change to *Governing Regulations I* to the Senate with a positive recommendation for endorsement. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

e. Proposed New *Governing Regulations XIV* ("Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct")
Edwards **moved** to send the proposed new *Governing Regulations XIV* to the Senate with a positive recommendation for endorsement. Christ **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Edwards thanked Deaton for incorporating some of the SC's suggestions.

3. Committee Reports
a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Andrew Hippisley, Chair
i. Proposal to Offer BA Social Work Via Extended Campus - Hazard
Because Hippisley (chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC)) could not attend, SAPC member (and guest) Margaret Schroeder explained the proposal, noting it was a little different in that it took an existing program and extended it to an off-campus site in Hazard. There is no specific protocol

to follow for this type of change. Guest Karen Badger (SW, Associate Dean for Student and Academic Affairs) offered additional information about the proposal.

Wood said that the proposal does not say that courses will be delivered at the site; it says that the courses are possible for distance learning delivery and for on- and off-campus programming. Wood said the proposal should be changed to state that the delivery mode is on-site. Badger said she would make that change and remove the rest. Wood suggested the language be changed to "course delivery mode will be onsite, except for those courses already approved for distance learning delivery."

Guest Davy Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee, said there was no change in academic content so it was not an academic content decisional issue, but rather an administrative action for which the Senate had a role in endorsing or not endorsing.

Wright **moved** that the SC recommend (positive) the Senate endorse the expansion of the BA in Social Work to the UK Rural Health Center. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. <u>College of Education Teacher Education Unit - Request for Calendar Change</u>
Guest Steve Parker (ED, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Success) explained the proposal, as well as the rationale behind it. There was extensive discussion about whether or not there was an insurance problem if a student begins University-related work prior to the official start of the semester. The Chair called Deaton and asked her to return to the meeting for consultation on the matter. Deaton did so; she said it did not sound like a problem to her, but that she would contact Risk Management. The Chair suggested that the SC approve the change and Deaton will get back to the SC on the results of the consultation.

There was additional discussion about whether or not the Senate needed to approve the change. Jones said the change should be considered a minor calendar change that did not need to be approved by the Senate. Anderson **moved** to approve the change to the calendar, effective immediately. Edwards **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair said she would report the action to the Senate.

5. <u>Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules* Regarding MOOCs: *SR 3.3.0* ("Procedures for Processing Courses and Changes in Courses") and *SR 3.3.3.A.1*, *SR 3.3.3.A.2*, and *SR 3.3.3.B.1.f* ("Procedures to be Used")</u>
The Chair explained that Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), was present to walk the SC through the language. It came up as result of a presentation to the Senate in March on massive open online courses (MOOCs) and the SREC felt the Senate needed to be proactive. Guest Jones said the Senate is responsible for making broad educational policy of the University, but it is obvious that an increasing part of educational activities will be MOOCs. They will not have a Senate prefix and number and will not be credit bearing, yet are educational activities like residency or post-doctoral training. He said the SREC wanted to get ahead of it now and address the quality control if advertised as a UK course with the UK imprimatur. The language from the SREC suggests the Senate delegate to college faculty the responsibility for final decisions of academic quality and intent for MOOCs. If there is no typical college structure, then the most appropriate council of the Senate (Graduate Council, Health Care Colleges Council, Undergraduate Council) will act as the college body making final approval on that content. The intent is not to layer bureaucracy but rather to ensure a faculty hand on such courses for quality control.

The Chair commented that three SC members are also SREC members and asked if there were any additional comments, but there were none. Jones suggested that before the Senate approves the language, various councils can offer input (Graduate Council, Health Care Colleges Council, Undergraduate Council, college faculty councils). The Chair said she would do that and she would try to get feedback in time for the May Senate meeting. Jones urged that the Senate review the language in May.

6. Tentative Senate Agenda for April 8, 2013
The Chair led SC members in a discussion of the agenda; some items were removed, added and reordered.

Anderson **moved** that the SC approve the tentative Senate agenda for April 8, 2013 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules.. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business
c. President's Evaluation by the Faculty
SC members continued editing the language in the survey evaluation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.00 pm.

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Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

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SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Edwards, Pienkowski, Wasilkowski, Wood and Wright.

Provost's Liaison present: Richard Greissman.

Invited guests present: Karen Badger, Francis Bailey, Marcy Deaton, Larry Holloway, Davy Jones, Steve Parker and Margaret Schroeder.

Prepare by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, April 10, 2013.