

Senate Council
April 10, 2017

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 10, 2017 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 Katherine M. McCormick called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

1. Minutes from April 3, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair said that there were no changes to the minutes. Hearing **no objections**, the minutes from April 3, 2017 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair offered some announcements.

- Jonathan Golding (AS/Psychology) was willing to chair the Ombud Search Committee and a solicitation has been sent out for nominees for ombud. All the SC's nominees for the search committee accepted the nomination.
- The faculty trustee election is ongoing, with five candidates.
- The Chair has been meeting with each of the applicants for the position of dean of the Lewis Honors College. There are more meetings scheduled for this week and next week.
- UK is hosting a day of remembrance on Wednesday around noon.
- The Chair is serving on the search committee for a university registrar, as well as the search committee for an associate chief academic officer for information technology.

2. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Ernie Bailey, Chair

i. Honors College Transition Committee Report (December 9, 2016)

Bailey stated that the report from the Honors College Transition Committee was on the agenda due to a previous oversight – the letter from the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) with its two recommendations should have been attached to the report from the Honors College Transition Committee (HCTC) from December 9, not the February memo from HCTC. Bailey explained that the SAOSC reviewed the December 9 report and its recommendations pertained to that report, not the follow-up report with more detail from February. Guest Phil Harling, interim dean of the Lewis Honors College, was present to answer questions.

Mazur queried Harling on how lecturers would interact with the faculty of record. She noted that *Administrative Regulations 2:9* ("Lecturer Title Series") stated that the faculty of a unit have the right, by vote, to determine how many lecturers are hired by their unit. If the proposal suggested a certain number of lecturers, what would happen if the faculty of record thought fewer lecturers would be better? Harling replied that the faculty of record would have the final say, but would also have to recognize that the number of lecturers hired would have a direct impact on the number of sections offered for the foundational Honors seminar. Mazur explained that she did not object to the change to allowing lecturers to be homed in the Lewis Honors College, but she did have concerns about the feasibility of that structure.

Schroeder noted that page five of the report included reference to a non-credit bearing requirement. She explained that UK could not have a requirement that was not somehow tied to a course. Harling commented that in retrospect, the term “requirement” was a misnomer – the section was intended to outline ways in which Honors would seek to expose freshmen to the senior showcase work done by seniors. He was amenable to revising the title for that section to remove the reference to a requirement. Bailey commented that it was fine to make the report clearer, but the SAOSC did not weigh in on anything pertaining to the curriculum.

Mazur said that it was still not clear what role the Honors council would play in comparison to the advisory body. Harling asked for guidance as to how to make the language clearer. The Chair suggested that a sentence on page eight of the report¹ could be modified by adding “and its faculty council” after “College” and before the period. This would make it clear that the faculty of record would be the same body as the Lewis Honors council.

The **motion** from the SAOSC was that the SAOSC endorses the Honors College Transition Committee report of December 9, 2016 (and its contents) with revisions and recommends endorsement by the Senate. The Chair indicated that the motion should include the two friendly amendments and there were no objections to that. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Margaret Schroeder, Chair

i. Proposed New BA in Dance

Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. Guests Nancy Jones (FA/Theatre and Dance, department chair) and Susan Thiel (FA/Theatre and Dance) were present to answer the questions posed by SC members. The **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BA in Dance, in the Department of Theatre and Dance within the College of Fine Arts. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. When discussion was over, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Scott Yost, Chair

i. Proposed Change to BS Human Health Sciences

Guest Scott Yost, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal. Guest Geza Bruckner (HS/Clinical Science) answered a couple of questions from SC members. The **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation that the Senate approve the changes to the BS in Human Health Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Nominees for Residency Review Committee

SC members discussed the nominees. McGillis **moved** to approve the four names and Cross **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Tentative Senate Agenda for April 17, 2017

SC members discussed the agenda and suggested a few modifications. SC members suggested the Chair offer senators an update on the first round of voting results for the faculty trustee election and the

¹ “Taken together, regular and ex-officio members of the FoR should amount to some twenty faculty members – thus providing a substantial cohort that will function as the faculty of the Lewis Honors College.”

recent meeting of Kentucky's Coalition of Faculty and Senate Leaders (COSFL). Schroeder **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for April 17, 2017 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules. Wood **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Process for Faculty Survey on Evaluation of the President

The Chair began by thanking Wood for her past years of service in the evaluation – Wood and her expertise have been the linchpin of the survey in the past, but it was time now to find a permanent process that did not solely rely on one individual. SC members discussed the process for the faculty survey on the evaluation of the President. The Chair added that if a cost was involved, she would take responsibility for approaching the appropriate senior administrator about it. She suggested the SC take a two-step approach: identify a small group to oversee the process and give that group some guidance as to how to move forward. Bailey was willing to lead the small group; the Chair suggested that Wood participate again to offer the benefit of her experiences with the small group. There were no objections to this plan of action.

SC members discussed the pros and cons of using an individual faculty or staff member to evaluate the statistical results and of using an internal center or contract faculty labor from an outside university for the statistical evaluation. During discussion, Wood clarified for SC members that she had never evaluated the narrative comments. The purpose of including the open-ended questions was to give respondents a final opportunity to express their full opinion; the narrative comments were not intended for statistical analysis. The President had always been provided a copy of the narrative comments, but no work was done on the comments; with the exception of one year when the comments were organized by general topic. SC members were also generally supportive of having the overseeing group be a subcommittee of the SC, as well as supportive of having a unit at UK, such as the Applied Statistics Lab or the College of Education's Evaluation Center, perform the statistical analysis. Mazur volunteered to serve on the small group.

Wood **moved** to charge a small group (comprised of Bailey as the lead with members Wood and Mazur) with conducting the annual faculty survey of the President. Lauersdorf **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair then turned to the process by which the small group would conduct the evaluation. SC members expressing an opinion were amenable to allowing the small group to identify the best internal UK unit to use for the survey. In response to a question from Mazur, the Chair said she would work with senior leadership.

Schroeder asked for discussion to return back to the tentative Senate agenda. She explained that two program proposals were missing and should be included. There were no objections to adding them to the agenda.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

No SC member raised an item from the floor for discussion.

McGillis **moved** to adjourn and Cross **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,
Senate Council Chair

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SC members present: Bailey, Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Botts, Cross, Lauersdorf, McCormick, McGillis, Mazur, Reid, Schroeder, and Wood.

Invited guests present: Geza Bruckner, Phil Harling, Nancy Jones, Susan Thiel, and Scott Yost.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.