Senate Council
April 16, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 16, 2012 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3 pm.

1. Minutes from April 2 and Announcements
The minutes from April 2 were approved as distributed.

The Chair asked SC members to offer their thoughts about the April 9, 2012 University Senate (Senate) meeting.

- There are problems with the curricular approval process. There should be a way to improve processes and prevent errors. There have been failures at multiple levels. A checklist might be helpful – there are too many steps in the current process. The curricular approval process should better increase Senate engagement.

- The question about the provost model at the April Senate meeting was appreciated.

- SC members discussed raises for UK employees, in relation to fairness. Some wondered if lower wage earners would receive a small increase.

- Members of the University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities were told that the University will not raise insurance premiums, although some deductibles will increase.

- The SC should look into coordinating Fayette County's spring break with UK.

2. Old Business
b. "What is a credit hour?" for 13 Different Course Meeting Patterns
SC members discussed the proposal. There were some questions about how to codify the Health Care College's Council (HCCC) commenting about having a definition of "clerkship." The Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) will be asked to offer a recommendation on whether or not the definitions should be codified in the *Senate Rules* (*SR*). If codified in the *SR*, should there be an allowance for exceptions. SC members also wondered if there were national or Carnegie standards that could be reviewed. SC members said they looked forward to a report from the ad hoc Committee on Best Practices for Distance Learning regarding credit hours and meeting patterns for distance learning courses.

c. President's Evaluation
SC members discussed the proposal and proposed metrics. Wilson commented on the need to have input from faculty members as a whole to reach the goal of a meaningful presidential evaluation.

A baseline on employee morale should be established and used for future evaluations of the president. The results of the first year's evaluation can lead to development of future evaluation questions.

The SC took no formal action, but agreed that McCormick, Wasilkowski and Wilson should meet to finalize the first year's evaluation.

3. Committee Reports
a. Senate's Academic Program's Committee - Andrew Hippisley, Chair
i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Risk Sciences
Guest Andrew Hippisley, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal to SC members. He said the **motion** from the SAOSC was to recommend that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Risk Sciences, in the Division of Risk Sciences, within the College of Communications and Information Studies. SC members requested a revised proposal to include clarification of the faculty body that will, in accordance with *Governing Regulations VII* serve as the faculty of record. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with eight in favor.

ii. Proposed New Minor in Visual Studies
Hippisley explained the proposal. He said that the **motion** from the SAOSC was to recommend that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Minor in Visual Studies, in the Department of Art within the College of Fine Arts. There were a few comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

iii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Stream and Watershed Science
Hippisley explained the proposal. The issue of the body serving as the faculty of record was raised again. Provost's Liaison Greissman and Wood agreed that there needed to be an alignment between a program and department. A question was raised regarding the responsibility of the Dean of the Graduate School to appoint faculty to the certificate – could faculty be appointed strictly to certificate programs? The SC requested that the question be referred to the Graduate Council for clarification.

After brief discussion, Guest Carmen Agouridis (AG/Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering) agreed to modify the proposal so that in the section "Requirements for Completion and Award of Certificate," references to "professional" will be changed to "post-graduate student." A **vote** was taken on the **motion** from the SAOSC to recommend that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Stream and Watershed Science, in the graduate program of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. The motion **passed** with eight in favor and one abstaining.

iv. Proposed New Minor in Neuroscience
The **motion** from the SAOSC was to recommend that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Minor in Neuroscience, in the Department of Biology within the College of Arts and Sciences. Some SC members expressed concern about the format of the minor – having six hours of required hours and 12 hours of elective courses was different from traditional minors. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Global Scholars
Hippisley said that the **motion** from the SAOSC was to recommend that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Global Scholars, within the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Hippisley explained the proposal. After brief discussion, Guest Scott

Kelley (TITLE, Gatton College of Business and Economics) agreed to amend the proposal to include the requirement that those eligible to earn the Undergraduate Certificate Global Scholars are students concurrently enrolled in the Minor in International Business. Kelley said he would send in a revised proposal.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Due to another commitment, the Chair departed. Vice Chair Grossman took over responsibility for the meeting.

b. Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure - James Geddes, Chair
i. Overload Policies
Guest James Geddes, chair of the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT), presented the SACPT's suggestions regarding UK's overload policies. Specifically, the SACPT suggested modifying *Administrative Regulations 3:9* to include examples of faculty overload within an educational unit, and to include a reference to *Administrative Regulations 3:8* when determining when additional faculty assignments within an educational unit constitute overload.

SC members discussed the issue and the suggestions from the SACPT.

Wood **moved** that the report of the SACPT be forwarded to the Chair of the Faculty Committee on Review, Rewards and Retention, along with the Senate Council's endorsement of the report. Wasilkowski **seconded**. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Senate/Faculty Engagement in UK Sustainability Policy - Lee Meyer
Guest Lee Meyer explained that he asked to be on a SC agenda to begin a dialogue about faculty involvement in sustainability. He shared a couple handouts with SC members about UK's sustainability activities.

There was general discussion among SC members and Meyer. SC members suggested that Meyer engage in a dialogue with Bill Rayens, chair of the Interim General Education Oversight Committee, to see about improved faculty engagement through that area. SC members discussed the need for other ways to increase faculty involvement, including having the SC appoint additional members to sustainability activities on campus. The Vice Chair suggested that Meyer present to the Senate in the fall.

Due to the time, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, April 20, 2012.