

Senate Council
April 21, 2014

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 21, 2014 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 3:10 pm, when quorum was achieved.

1. Minutes from April 7, 2014 and Announcements

The Chair noted there was one formatting edit received for the minutes from April 7, 2014. There being no further corrections, the minutes from April 7 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**. The Chair had a few announcements.

- SC members will meet with E. Britt Brockman, MD, chair of the Board of Trustees, on April 22. The Chair reminded SC members of the time and location and said that the discussion would be informal – she did not submit any questions in advance to Brockman.
- The Senate Council office met with representatives from UK's Information Technology area about a platform to better track program proposals. It seems likely that the office will migrate to Drupal over the summer for its website; Drupal has some features that should help. More information will be available after further investigation of options.
- Provost Christine Riordan was called to meet with President Eli Capilouto, so she will not be able to attend the SC as originally scheduled.

2. Old Business

a. Proposed Change to 2014-15 and Tentative 2016-17 Calendar - Dates When Students Cannot Change Majors

The Chair explained the proposal to change the dates when students cannot change majors. SC members did not understand the intent of the proposed change and objected to the proposed wording, saying it was unclear. There was no objection to postponing consideration of the item until a representative from the Registrar's office can attend to answer questions.

SC members and guests introduced themselves.

b. Faculty Evaluation of President Capilouto

Wood explained that she had received 471 responses thus far and that she would send out a reminder the next morning. Last year there were a little more than 800 respondents, but Wood did not think there would be that many participants this year. She asked SC members to encourage colleagues to fill out the survey.

3. Nominees for University IT Coordinating Committee and Academic Computing Committee

SC members identified six faculty members who could serve in place of the individual whose term was ending.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC)

i. Proposed New Master of Science in Information Communication Technology

Hippisley explained the proposed new Master of Science in Information Communication Technology in Information Communication Technology. There were a number of questions from SC members. Guests Jeff Huber (CI/Library and Information Science, director), Michael Tsikerdekis (CI/Library and Information Science), Sherali Zeadally (CI/Library and Information Science) and Jasmine McNealy (CI/Library and Information Science) assisted Hippisley in answering the questions.

The Chair noted that the proposal for a new Master of Science in Information Communication Technology in the School of Library and Information Science, in the College of Communication and Information was before the SC, with a positive recommendation from SAPC. She noted that she had heard requests for correction of typos, clarification of a core course versus an elective course, and explanation of precisely which courses from which colleges will support the assertion that the degree prepares students to be leaders in the information communication technology field.

Debski **moved** to approve the proposed new Master of Science in Information Communication Technology in Information Communication Technology and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Harling **seconded**. Wood offered a **friendly amendment** that a revised proposal be submitted to the Senate Council office, which specifically addresses the required courses (both current and proposed, and from which colleges) that addresses the leadership portion of the degree. Debski and Harling both **accepted** Wood's friendly amendment. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

ii. Proposed New Bachelor of Public Health

Hippisley explained the proposed new ~~Proposed New~~ Bachelor of Public Health degree. Guests Michelle Lineberry (PbH, assistant dean for academic affairs) and James Holsinger (PbH, associate ~~date-dean~~ for academic affairs) assisted Hippisley in answering questions. Debski commented that the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences submitted a letter in support of the proposed new program, but that letters from individual department chairs were not there. She expressed deep concern that departmental faculty, particularly in Biology, had not been appropriately consulted. Holsinger said he could request letters of support from relevant departments outside of Public Health. Brown asked about the references to a minor and a certificate. Hippisley said that SAPC did not review the minor or certificate – the proposal before the SC was only the Bachelor's in Public Health. Holsinger said he was able to submit the certificate and minors as separate proposals.

There were a variety of questions about the courses. Debski expressed concern that some of the science courses had prerequisites that may require a student to take more than the required courses. Wood offered the same concern for math courses. She also wondered if the proposal was too specific with regards to the requirement for a C grade or better. In response to Pienkowski, Holsinger explained that the letters were 15 months old because the letters were solicited at the beginning of the process. Pienkowski asked if Kentucky needed two identical public health degrees; Lineberry explained that the degree offered by the University of Louisville was a bachelor's of science degree in public health, not a bachelor of public health degree.

The Chair noted that the proposal for a new Bachelor of Public Health degree, in the College of Public Health, was submitted to the Senate Council by the SAPC with a positive recommendation. She noted SC requests to remove references to a proposed new minor and certificate from the proposal, add clarification of the repeat option, and submit letters of support from department chairs. After additional

discussion, there was also a request that the proposal include information about course pathways, so students are aware up front that a course may have prerequisites that are not part of the Bachelor's in Public Health curriculum.

Debski **moved** that the proposal for a new Bachelor of Public Health be revised by removing language pertaining to a minor and to a certificate, and by explicitly delineating the sample tracks through which students can complete the math and science courses, and that the revised proposal return to the SC the following week. Christ **seconded**. There was additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with four in favor, one opposed and two abstaining.

Holsinger recapped that the SC wished to see a revised proposal without reference to the minor or certificate, and sample tracks that illustrate how a student will move from the prerequisites on through the program itself. SC members affirmed his statement.

iii. Proposed New Dual Degree Program: PharmD and MS Pharmaceutical Sciences

Hippisley explained the proposal for the proposed new PharmD and MS Pharmaceutical Sciences dual degree program. Guest Jim Pauly (PH/Pharmaceutical Sciences) assisted Hippisley in answering questions. There was lengthy discussion as Pauly explained the details to SC members. There was some confusion caused by a letter of support that was included in the proposal. Ms. Brothers suggested removing the letter and adding an email from the Graduate Council noting that council's approval. SC agreed to that change.

When there was no further discussion, Harling **moved** to send the proposal for a proposed new dual degree program of the PharmD and MS Pharmaceutical Sciences to the Senate with a positive recommendation and Christ **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

SC members discussed possible topics of conversation with Board of Trustees Chair Britt Brockman.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Blonder, Brown, Christ, Debski, Harling, McCormick, Pienkowski, Wilson and Wood.

Invited guests present: James Holsinger, Jeff Huber, Michelle Lineberry, Jasmine McNealy, Jim Pauly, Michael Tsikerdekis, and Sherali Zeadally.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.