

Senate Council  
April 22, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 22, 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 3:01 pm.

1. Minutes from April 15, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair called attention to a handful of changes to the minutes that had been incorporated. Wood **moved** to approve the minutes from April 15, 2013 and Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

In honor of Earth Day, the Chair suggested SC members take a vote on whether or not to continue the practice of having bottled water available during SC meetings. A straw poll was taken and the majority of SC members who voted were in favor of stopping the practice.

The Chair reminded SC members of the meetings with the three provost candidates and the dates/times. She also mentioned the upcoming faculty trustee election.

2. International Partnerships and Academic Programs - Susan Carvalho, Associate Provost for International Programs

Those present introduced themselves. Associate Provost for International Programs shared information with SC members about ongoing discussions between UK and two Chinese universities (Shanghai University and Jilin University) about deepening academic partnerships. Guest Carvalho explained that UK has signed handshake agreements with well over 100 universities around the world. She explained the international importance of the non-binding agreements. Carvalho and SC members discussed the agreements and how they could benefit UK. She reiterated that any formal actions regarding programs would necessarily involve the University Senate (Senate).

The Chair suggested that the agenda be rearranged to accommodate invited guests; there were no objections.

4. Committee Reports

b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Andrew Hippisley, Chair

i. Proposed New BA/BS in Information Communication Technology

Hippisley, chair of the SAPC, explained the proposal for a new BA/BS in Information Communication Technology. Guest Jeff Huber was present to answer questions. Wasilkowski asked if there had been any discussion with the Department of Computer Science about an Information Communication Technology course that looked very similar to an existing Computer Science course. Huber said that the department chair, director of undergraduate studies, and the director of graduate studies were contacted about the course; those individuals were assured that there was no duplication.

There were a variety of questions from SC members. Prior to the motion and vote, SC members requested two changes: that the reference to "Statistics 1" and "Statistics II" be replaced with a specific course reference; and that the proposal indicate that a list of recommended courses will be published every semester. Watt **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it approve, for submission to

the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BA/BS program in Information Communication Technology in the School of Library and Information Sciences within the College of Communication and Information. Wasilkowski **seconded**. Debski **offered a friendly amendment** to add the two suggestions as being required prior to Senate review. Christ **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and three abstaining.

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

i. Proposed New Center for Research on Environmental Disease

Guest Herman Farrell, chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee, explained the proposal for a new Center for Research on Environmental Disease. SC members asked a few questions. In response to a question, guest Xianglin Shi explained that the reference to the research center providing the full funding was an error – the College of Medicine will provide the funding. There was additional discussion.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it approve the proposed new multidisciplinary research Center for Research on Environmental Disease based on its academic merits. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it endorse the proposed resources and placement of the proposed new Center for Research on Environmental Disease in the College of Medicine for approval by the Board of Trustees. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed Name Change for the School of Interior Design

Farrell explained the proposed name change of the School of Interior Design to the School of Interiors: Planning / Strategy / and Design. Guest Ann Dickson answered a variety of questions from SC members.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate endorse the name change of the School of Interior Design to the School of Interiors: Planning / Strategy / and Design. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Andrew Hippisley, Chair

ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Peace Studies

Hippisley explained the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Peace Studies. There was extensive discussion among SC members and with guests Clayton Thyne and Anna Bosch. Grossman **moved** to recommend to the Senate that it approve the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Peace Studies, with the modification to the faculty of record discussed in SC, and recommend it be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences. Wasilkowski **seconded**. Anderson **offered an amendment** to strike the modification and Watt **seconded**. There was additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion failed, with three in favor and four against. The Chair called for a **vote** on the original motion and the **motion** passed with seven in favor and two opposed. Anderson asked for a point of information. She noted that there were more voting members present than there were total votes, in some instances.

iii. Proposed Suspension of the Graduate Certificate in Medical Behavior Science

Because the original contact person could not attend, Wilson explained the proposed suspension of the Graduate Certificate in Behavioral Science. There was brief discussion about whether or not suspended certificates remained in the Registrar's inventory of programs. Wilson agreed to consult with others in

the department about the long-term difference between suspending and deleting certificate programs and then update the SC.

iv. Proposed New University Studies Program - BS Accountancy and MS Accountancy

Hippisley explained the proposed new Proposed New University Studies Program - BS Accountancy and MS Accountancy. Guest John Smigla answered questions from SC members. Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate approve the establishment of a new University Studies Program - BS Accountancy and MS Accountancy, in the School of Accountancy in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Christ **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Proposed Calendar Change for MA 109, MA 111, WRD 110 and UK 090 (Summer Program CARES)

Guests Stephanie Mayberry and Anna Bosch explained the request. They answered questions from SC members. Wood **moved** to approve a calendar change for the Monday following the second Sunday in June to be the start date for the six-week courses, annually, for the freshman summer CARES program for MA 109, MA 111, WRD 110, and UK 090. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Old Business

a. Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Non-faculty Membership

The Chair reported that she had corresponded with the President's Chief of Staff about the agenda item. She asked Wood, who chaired the ad hoc committee, to explain the report; Wood did so. After brief discussion, Brion **moved** to change the name of the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Non-faculty Membership to the ad hoc Committee on Senate Membership and Voting Status. Christ **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

SC members discussed various aspects of the report, which based the rationale for granting voting rights on whether or not the individual was elected to serve in the University Senate, or if the person was included by virtue of another position. A few expressed concerns that deans and department chairs would continue to be disenfranchised from the faculty aspect of shared governance, although it was noted that department chairs and deans now vote in the staff trustee election, by virtue of recent changes to the *Governing Regulations*. One issue pertained to the lack of symmetry in the proposed new language for a new executive body of the University Assembly, with respect to the different structural designs and purposes of the executive bodies for the three representative bodies on campus. A final concern involved the possibility that revising the *GRs* to change Senate ex officio voting rights could open up the door to changing the decision-making authority of the Senate as a whole.

After a suggestion from the Chair, SC members agreed to continue the discussion at the SC's retreat in June, to ensure sufficient time for a discussion and consideration.

The meeting was adjourned around 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Debski, Edwards, Grossman, Hippisley, Pienkowski, Wasilkowski, Watt, Wilson, Wood and Wright.

Provost's liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Anna Bosch, Susan Carvalho, Ann Dickson, Davy Jones, Stephanie Mayberry, Xianglin Shi and John Smigla.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, May 9, 2013.