

Senate Council
April 29, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 29, 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 April 22, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair reported that the minutes from April 16 and from April 22, 2013 were not ready for approval.

The Chair reported that Edwards, Grossman, Swanson and Wright were rolling off the SC soon and suggested SC members gather at Pazzo's after the May 13 SC meeting. The Chair added that Jenna Day and Scout McKenney will be the new student members of the SC, replacing Edwards and Wright.

2. Old Business

a. Outstanding Senator Award Update

Grossman reported that the committee chose a recipient, which will be announced during the Vice Chair's report at the May Senate meeting.

There being no objection, the Chair moved to the next agenda item for which contact persons were present.

3. Committee Reports

b. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – Davy Jones, Chair

i. Editorial Changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1* (Credit Hours and Residence Requirement)

Jones explained that the language for *Senate Rules 5.4.1* approved by the University Senate (Senate) in April was not terribly clear. The SREC grammatically changed the language to be clearer and if the SC agrees that the language is editorial, it can be directly incorporated into the SR without Senate review and approval.

Anderson **moved** to accept the changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1* as editorial and Wasilkowski **seconded**. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Codification of Reference in *Senate Rules* to Nonexistent Form for "I" Grade

Jones explained the background to the proposed changes to the *Senate Rules*. Jones clarified that the I grade form referred to in the language had not yet been created. There were a few suggested changes that SC asked to have incorporated prior to Senate review: reword the language about the student name and number. Brion **moved** to send the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 5.1.3.2* as amended with a positive recommendation. Grossman **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

ii. President's Evaluation by the Faculty - Survey Update

Wood offered an update on the survey to SC members. She said the response rate so far was very good for an email survey. There was brief discussion about extending the end date, but it was ultimately decided to keep to the original end date of Thursday, May 2. There were no objections to sending out a

reminder to survey recipients on Tuesday and again on Thursday morning. Wood said that on Thursday she would bring the narrative comments Anderson, Christ and Brion, who comprise the subcommittee charged with reviewing, organizing and summarizing comments.

3. Committee Reports

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

i. Proposed Name Change of the Graduate Center for Biomedical Engineering

Guest Farrell, chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), explained the proposal to change the Graduate Center for Biomedical Engineering to the Department of Biomedical Engineering. SC members discussed the proposed change; Pienkowski also answered questions from SC members. Grossman **moved** to suggest the Senate endorse the proposed name change and change of the organization of the Graduate Center for Biomedical Engineering to the Department of Biomedical Engineering. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. UK's May 2013 Degree List

There was brief discussion about removing a student from Pienkowski's department, and changing the degree date for a student from Anderson's college. It was ultimately determined that neither change would be made. Wood **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's May 2013 list of candidates for credentials, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board and Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. UK's Early August 2013 Degree List

Wood **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's early August 2013 list of candidates for credentials, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed Course Change to B&E 105 (objection to posting on transmittal)

Those present introduced themselves. The Chair suggested that Guest Ken Calvert (EN/Computer Science, department chair), explain the department's objection to the proposed changes to B&E 105. Calvert asked that Guest Debby Keen explain the history of the course she has taught for some time, CS 101, which is, according to the Department of Computer Science, remarkably similar to the proposed change course B&E 105. Keen did so, noting that students from the Gatton College of Business and Economics (B&E) at one time had been enrolled in CS 101 for years until the early 2000s, when the requirement for BE students changed from CS 101 to B&E 105; enrollment in CS 101 dropped substantially.

Calvert summarized by saying that Computer Science has an existing three-credit hour course, while the Gatton College of Business and Economics wants to use a one-credit hour course; he wondered if there was a way for the CS course to meet their needs, since it covers mostly the same material.

Guest Scott Kelley (BE, Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Resource Center) stated that he was not sure about what happened 12 years ago, although eight years ago the faculty in B&E voted to change the requirement from a Computer Science course to Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) examinations.

The current proposal involves requiring that students take B&E 105, instead of pass MOS examinations, which is currently taught by B&E faculty.

Kelley opined that B&E had done its due diligence and that while CS 101 is a fine course, the syllabus shows content that B&E faculty did not see as a part of what they were envisioning for BE students. There was extensive discussion among SC members. Some of the comments are listed below.

- There was insufficient consultation between one college faculty and another, but that could be rectified with some communication now.
- Some consideration should be given for departments that offer courses in subject matters that other departments might want to teach, but from a specific angle.
- If the faculty in B&E think that a revised B&E 105 is what B&E students need, then that opinion should be respected.

There was significant support for suggestions that the Department of Computer Science and the Gatton College of Business and Economics engage in some collaborative interdisciplinary discussions, and then share those outcomes with the SC.

Watt **called the question** and Pienkowski **seconded**. It was determined that there was no motion on the floor. Watt **withdrew** his motion. Watt **moved** to approve B&E 105 as proposed and Brion **seconded**. After additional discussion, Watt **withdrew** his motion.

Brion **moved** that the objections to B&E 105 have merit and should be sent to the Senate floor. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with six in favor and four opposed. It was clarified that the Senate would need to resolve the issue. Both Calvert and Kelley were advised on what documentation to submit to Ms. Brothers the next day.

7. Tentative Senate Agenda for May 6

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda and identified a few items to add, remove or rearrange. Wood **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for May 6 as amended. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned about 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

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

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Ken Calvert, Davy Jones, Scott Kelley and Debby Keen.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, May 8, 2013.