

Senate Council  
April 30, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session at 1 pm on Monday, April 30, 2012 in 103 Main Building. [Due to the number and complexity of some agenda items, the meeting began two hours earlier than usual.] 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 1:03 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair reminded SC members to send input to her regarding the request from Board of Trustees Chair Britt Brockman, MD, for SC thoughts on the questions for the president's evaluation.

Due in part to the large number of guests, those present introduced themselves.

2. Old Business

b. (Nursing) Proposal to Change *Senate Rules 4.2.1.2* (Allow 90 Hours of Transfer Credit for Students in the RN-BSN Program)

Guest Gina Lowry (NU) refreshed SC members' memory on the proposal, which had been recommended for approval by the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC). The SC had opted not to act on the proposal because it had not received reviews by the Undergraduate Council (UC) or Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC). Both those councils have now reviewed the proposal and recommended approval. Lowry went on to explain the benefits of the proposed change. She noted that the reason the HCCC and UC had been bypassed was that the proposal had originally been viewed as a request for a rule waiver, which is not typically sent to the academic councils.

Lowry and Guest Patricia Burkhart (NU) answered a variety of questions from SC members. The **motion** from the SAASC was to recommend approval of the proposed change to *Senate Rules 4.2.1.2* to provide an explicit exclusion for certain students in the RN-BSN program.

Anderson **moved** to amend the motion to state that the change was for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 years, while the University Senate examines the rationale for the difference in the number of credit hours from two- and four-year institutions. McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **failed** with a majority opposed and two in favor.

The Chair restated the original **motion**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with four in favor and two opposed.

c. Proposed Changes Regarding BHS Medical Laboratory Science

- Change to Existing Admission Requirement for BHS Medical Laboratory Science (MLS)
- Proposed Revision to *Senate Rules 5.3.2.2.1* ("Clinical Laboratory Sciences Professional Program")
- Proposed Revision to *Senate Rules 4.2.2.2.E* ("Medical Technology: Admissions Policy")

Guest Michelle Butina explained what had changed since the SC first heard the proposal. The request to delete *Senate Rules 5.3.2.2.1* ("Clinical Laboratory Sciences Professional Program") remains because the

program is no longer considered a professional program. (It is in the section of the *Senate Rules* on professional programs.)

Butina confirmed for SC members that the Medical Technology program was indeed an old name of the current Medical Laboratory Science program. The faculty in the MLS program request revision of *Senate Rules 4.2.2.2.E* ("Medical Technology: Admissions Policy") to include the proposed new language that reflects the information associated with the current MSL program.

Finally, the faculty in MLS still request a change that lowers the minimum grade point average, from 2.75 to 2.5.

Grossman **moved** to recommend to the Senate that it delete *Senate Rules 5.3.2.2.1* and change the language in *Senate Rules 4.2.2* as outlined in the handout, based on the motion from the SAASC for the approval of concept. Brion **seconded**.

There was very brief discussion. In response to Grossman, Butina explained that there was no difference between "passing" and "successfully passing." Grossman suggested that the word "successfully" be deleted and Butina did not object.

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

d. Proposed New MA in Linguistic Theory and Typology (revised)

Hippisley, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the changes made to the proposal since the last SC meeting. SC members asked a variety of questions, which were all answered satisfactorily.

The **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the proposed new MA in Linguistic Theory and Typology, in the Department of English, within the College of Arts and Sciences. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

e. Proposed Restructuring of the School of Management in the Gatton College of Business and Economics

Grossman **moved** to take from the table the proposed restructuring of the School of Management (SOM) in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Brion **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman said he wanted to offer a substitute motion, instead of the one that came from the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC). He **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it endorse the proposed reorganization of the School of Management into three departments and the allocation of the School of Management's Bachelor of Business Administration degree programs into those three departments as outlined in the proposal. Brion **seconded**.

Herman Farrell, chair of the SAOSC, explained some of the events that occurred since the SC meeting on April 2, when the proposal was tabled. He said that on the eve of the revote in the Gatton College of Business and Economics (Gatton College), he became aware that only part of the SAOSC's concerns was forwarded to Gatton college faculty. Farrell immediately sent an email to explicitly state that the SAOSC had two concerns, which was passed on to Gatton faculty. The SAOSC voted again after the recent

Gatton vote; even after the revote, the SAOSC reiterated that it cannot support the restructuring, based on its academic merits and impact.

The Chair asked if any SC members had questions. Debski asked Wilson for clarification on structural change processes – can such changes take place prior to approval by the Board of Trustees? Wilson replied that nothing was official until the Board of Trustees has voted.

There was a lengthy, lengthy discussion on the merits of the proposal; the effect of the SOM restructuring on the BBA degrees; the effect on the DSIS option of the PhD in Business Administration; and the recent history of the School of Management. The discussion involved both SC members and invited guests – Merl Hackbart (senior associate dean), Scott Frank (BE/Economics), Paul Childs (BE/Management), Ken Troske (interim senior associate dean), Joe Labianca (BE/Management), David Blackwell (dean, Gatton College). There was a lengthy discussion.

A **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it endorse the proposed reorganization of the School of Management into three departments and the allocation of the School of Management's Bachelor of Business Administration degree programs into those three departments as outlined in the proposal. The motion **passed** with three in favor, two opposed and two abstaining.

Brion said she wanted to recognize the hard work by Farrell and the entire SAOSC – she expressed her appreciation for the SAOSC bringing to light issues that she believed were mishandled in the Gatton College. Each SC member concurred with her comments.

The Chair called for a brief break and asked that everyone return in about 10 minutes.

When the meeting began again, the Chair moved to the next agenda item for which a guest was present.

#### 4. Committee Reports

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

##### i. Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Farrell explained that the **motion** from the SAOSC was to endorse the proposal to change the name of the Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences to the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition. Guest Sandra Bastin offered a brief explanation for the proposed change. There was very little discussion.

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

##### b. Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Art

Farrell explained that the **motion** from the SAOSC was to endorse the proposal of the change of name and educational unit classification of the Department of Art to the School of Art and Visual Studies. He then explained the rationale for the proposal.

SC members asked some questions of Farrell and Guest Ben Withers, chair of the Department of Art, which were all answered satisfactorily.

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

##### c. Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling

Farrell explained that the **motion** from the SAOSC was to endorse the proposed change to the name of the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling to the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling. Guest Belva Collins and Farrell answered questions from SC members.

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

Farrell thanked the members of the SC, and the Chair in particular, for supporting the SAOSC and its efforts. He said the SAOSC tried to not overstep its bounds and has gained some skills in how to handle contentious issues. Farrell added that the activities of the SC restored his faith in the academy – no matter how the SOM restructuring works out in the end, it was important to have a respectful discourse and talk about issues of importance.

f. "What is a Credit Hour?" for Different Meeting Patterns

Guests Kathi Kern and Sharon Lock explained that they had worked with Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School, on a definition for a credit hour for a distance learning course.

SC members then discussed whether the definitions should take the form of specific rules or general guidelines. There was also a brief explanation about a couple definitions that changed since the SC last saw the grid.

There was some wordsmithing discussion on the appropriate language to use in the motion. Grossman **moved** that a new *Senate Rule* be established to say that course proposals shall use the Senate-approved policy [[link here](#)] for determining meeting times and number of credit hours for each course. Exceptions, based on academic merit, may be made by the Senate upon the recommendation of the appropriate council. Equivalencies on the grid will be reviewed annually by the Senate. McCormick **seconded**.

In response to a question from Wood, the Chair explained that the proposed definitions were sent to each of the three academic councils, as well as to all deans. After additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

g. Interim General Education Oversight Committee (IGEOC) - Membership & Continuation

The Chair explained that there were two issues at hand. First, IGEOC needed SC approval to replace one departing member with someone from the same college. There were no objections to the proposed substitution for the Fine Arts faculty member. The Chair said that the second issue was that IGEOC's charge expires in May 2012 – they would like an extension through May 2013. Wood **moved** thusly and Brion **seconded**. There was a question about making IGEOC a permanent committee, so Wood **withdrew** her motion. Brion did not object.

SC members expressed a desire to keep IGEOC functioning essentially as it has been – it just needs to be made permanent. There was also discussion about renaming IGEOC.

Wood **moved** to recommend the Senate establish a standing committee of the Senate, known as the UK Core Committee, which will continue the same charge and procedures as the Interim General Education Oversight Committee. Grossman **seconded**. Grossman opined that IGEOC will need to formulate its charge and terms of membership for insertion into the *Senate Rules*. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman **moved** that IGEOC/UK Core Committee propose language for the *Senate Rules* regarding its charge, composition and length of members' terms. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 4. Committee Reports

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

##### i. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 3.2* ("Procedures For Processing Academic Programs And Changes")

Jones explained the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 3.2*. He noted that there were three revisions that needed to be made to the text in front of SC members: 1. correct nomenclature in *Senate Rules 3.2.1.B* to refer to a "specialization" (replaces "concentration") within a master's degree); correct nomenclature in *Senate Rules 3.2.1.B* to refer to a "specialization" (replaces "specialty") within a doctoral degree; and 3. clarify in *Senate Rules 3.2.3.C.2.a* that the duration of the posting is for ten business days.

He said that the **motion** from the SREC was to recommend that the Senate adopt the proposed changes to Senate Rule 3.2, effective immediately. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### ii. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 3.3* ("Procedures For Creating Courses, Change Courses and Deleting Courses")

Jones noted a variety of editorial changes to the proposed revisions, which were accepted by SC members. He said that the **motion** from the SREC was to recommend that the Senate adopt the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 3.3*, effective immediately. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 5. Proposed Changes to *Governing Regulations II* ("Governance of the University of Kentucky")

The Chair explained that the proposed change was to insert language explaining how members of the Board of Trustees are removed. That is covered in KRS statute, but not documented in UK's regulations. Guest Marcy Deaton (Associate General Counsel) explained that the language was vetted with UK's SACS liaison and deemed acceptable.

After very brief discussion, Grossman **moved** to recommend to the Senate that it endorse the proposed change to *Governing Regulations II* as outlined in the handout. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 6. UK May 2012 Degree List

Brion **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's May 2012 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**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 7. UK August 2012 Degree List (early)

Anderson **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's (early) August 2012 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. Wood **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 8. Tentative Senate Agenda for May 7, 2012

SC members discussed the order of the tentative agenda and made some changes. Grossman **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for May 7, 2012 as modified. The motion was **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Brion, Debski, Grossman, McCormick, Swanson, Wasilkowski, Wilson and Wood.

Invited guests present: Sandra Bastin, David Blackwell, Jeannine Blackwell, Lee Blonder, Pat Burkhart, Michelle Butina, J. S. Butler, Paul Childs, Belva Collins, Marcy Deaton, Herman Farrell, Merl Hackbart, Andrew Hippisley, Davy Jones, Scott Kelly, Kathi Kern, Joe Labianca, Sharon Lock, Gina Lowry, Mike Mullen, Frank Scott, Ken Troske, Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, June 25, 2012.