

Senate Council
August 20, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, August 20, 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 Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:04 pm. Those present introduced themselves.

1. Minutes from June 27, 2012 and Announcements

The Chair offered a few announcements.

- No SC members objected to one member of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) remaining on the SREC after the time his University Senate (Senate) term ended, to ensure a sufficient number of members to conduct business, until a replacement is identified and seated.
- The Chair has invited a few guests to attend the August 27 SC meeting, to discuss the effects of the budget cuts in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- The SC and University Senate (Senate) need to deliberate on whether or not to offer Senate ex officio membership to the new position of associate provost for faculty advancement. Also, since that position's description has changed drastically since the responsibility for chairing the Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC) was given to that position, there also needs to be a discussion regarding the logical position to chair the HCCC.
- Karen Badger is the interim chair of the Undergraduate Council.

The Chair noted that no changes to the minutes were received. There being no objection, the minutes from June 27, 2012 were **approved** due to **unanimous consent**.

2. Old Business

a. Nominees for Various Committees (Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Advisory Committee; Social Sciences Area Advisory Committee; Librarian Area Advisory Committee; Humanities and Arts Area Advisory Committee; Extension Title Series Advisory Committee; Senate Hearing Panel (Privilege and Tenure); Residency Review Committee; University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees; University IT Coordinating Committee; Academic Computing Committee)

SC members deliberated on nominees for the Health Care Clinical Sciences until the invited guest arrived for agenda item number three.

3. Update on SACSCOC Reaccreditation - Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning Heidi Anderson

Guest and Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning Heidi Anderson gave SC members an update on the timeline for reaccreditation by the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). She answered a few questions from SC members.

4. New Program Proposal Requirements from CPE/SACSCOC

Associate Provost for Academic Administration Jeannine Blackwell informed SC members that the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) must approve a new program at one of its meetings before departments can begin advertising a new degree program. She also shared a list of CPE meeting dates.

Blackwell then explained the new types of information required by the CPE and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for new programs. SC members asked a few questions.

5. Syllabus Generator

Blackwell walked SC members through the manner in which the syllabus generator can create a customized syllabus. There were a few questions. At the present time, users cannot save syllabi, nor can anyone else view them.

Brion **moved** that the tool to create a syllabus be added as an option to eCATS with the current syllabus template, for faculty to test and evaluate. Wasilkowski **seconded**. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Three Honorary Degrees for December 2012

Graduate School Dean Jeannine Blackwell presented the three candidates for honorary degrees for the December 2012 commencement. There were a few questions.

Wasilkowski **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve the three honorary degree candidates (Honorary Doctor for Arts, Honorary Doctor for Letters and Honorary Doctor for Letters) for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended honorary degrees to be conferred by the Board and Brion **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

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SC members finished identifying faculty members to serve on a variety of committees.

8. Discussion with Interim Provost Tim Tracy

The Chair explained that Interim Provost Tim Tracy was called away unexpectedly; in his stead she shared information on the restructuring of the Office of the Provost.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members in attendance: Anderson, Bilas, Blonder, Brion, Edwards, McCormick, Wasilkowski, Wood, Wright.

Provost's Liaison present: Richard Greissman.

Invited guests present: Heidi Anderson, Ruth Beattie, Karen Badger and Jeannine Blackwell.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, August 24, 2012.