Senate Council
August 24, 2015

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, August 24, 2015 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 Andrew Hippisley called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

1. Minutes from June 10, 2015 and Announcements
The Chair had a number of announcements.

- The Chair approved two calendar changes (for 2015-16 and 2016-17) for "see blue" orientation.

- The Chair approved two calendar changes (for 2015-16 and 2016-17) for the College of Pharmacy calendar.

- The Chair offered provisional approval for approximately 50 courses and about six program changes. The items provisionally approved will be put on a regular web transmittal for senators to review in the fall.

- The Chair met with President Eli Capilouto about the proposed new *Governing Regulation* on Faculty Disciplinary Action. The President and Legal Counsel have reviewed it and feel they can live with most of what the Senate endorsed this past May. The President was less satisfied with the section on a dean's appeal and asked to speak to Senate in October about that particular issue. The Chair said he would have more information on that visit during the August 31 SC meeting.

- It is likely the SC and Senate will be asked to weigh in on the idea of establishing an honors college.

- The Chair met with Provost Tim Tracy and talked about the Senate's Admissions Advisory Committee (SAAC). Some aspects of SAAC's charge seem administrative in nature. Provost Tracy said he would review its charge and follow up with the Chair and with McCormick, who chairs the SAAC.

- There has been no formal information on which SC nominees were appointed to which committees responsible for implementing UK's Strategic Plan. Guest Ben Withers, associate provost for undergraduate education, indicated that he recalled most of the nominees being placed on committees. The Chair said he would make enquiries.

- The Provost referred to "Scholarship Reconsidered" during the June retreat – he has since purchased copies for all SC members. The Chair handed them out to members.

- The 2014-15 report from the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) included concerns about problems found frequently in new program proposals. The chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) She and others are working on a document to outline the aspects that will be considered in any new program review; the document will also include timelines for review. Once it has been reviewed by various appropriate individuals, the document will be shared widely with colleges.

- It is possible that faculty will be given opportunities to learn more about unconscious bias.

- The Chair addressed the Staff Senate recently; they were very receptive to the prospect of faculty participation in their ad hoc committee on an employee ombud.

- New senators will have an orientation at 2 pm on Monday, August 31 in the Lexmark Public Room (209) of the Main Building. The Chair asked SC members to try to arrive for the orientation around 2:30 or so.

- There will be a session on reimagining higher education in Louisville in the next few weeks. The Chair said he would send details to the SC listserv; if any SC members are interested the SC Office may be able to defray the costs of attending, such as renting a University car.

The Chair asked Wilson and Grossman for an update on trustee activities. Wilson said that the most recent meeting of the full Board of Trustees (Board) was in June. The major issues at that time were the sexual assault procedures, drinking policy, and the Student Code of Conduct. There was considerable discussion among trustees regarding the sexual assault procedures – while trustees understood the requirements from the federal government, the trustees who are attorneys (and some other trustees) expressed concern about defining guilt as a preponderance of evidence. The revised Student Code of Conduct was not ultimately presented to the Board because of some concerns that the document appeared to be a code of student *mis*conduct, with a litany of large and very small (excessive use of complimentary items) transgressions.

Wilson said that the more recent activities involved the Paul Kearney case from the College of Medicine. [Kearney was accused of misconduct with a patient, as well as other behaviors described as unprofessional. On the morning of August 24, 2015, the Board's University Health Care Committee met and the sole agenda item was Kearney's appeal of the removal of his clinical privileges.] Wilson explained that the University Health Care Committee unanimously upheld the revocation of his clinical privileges but explicitly outlined his right to access email, meet with colleagues, have an office in an appropriate place, and have all the rights and privileges available to any tenured faculty member without clinical privileges. Wilson opined that the University Health Care Committee's action regarding restoration of faculty rights (email, contact with colleagues, etc.) was a start in recognizing that administrators in Chandler Hospital do not have authority over the academic side of the campus.

There being no more announcements, the Chair moved to approval of the minutes. There were no corrections to the SC minutes for its retreat on June 10, 2015. Therefore those minutes were **approved** by **lack of objection** by **unanimous consent**.

2. Appointment of Senate Parliamentarian for 2015-16
The Chair suggested reappointment of Catherine Seago (Libraries) to the position of University Senate parliamentarian. Grossman **moved** to reappoint Seago as Senate parliamentarian for 2015-16 and Wilson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Provisional Approval of Courses and Program Changes
The Chair explained the rationale for requesting the authority to offer provisional approval to courses and program changes that arrive in the SC Office after the deadline for receipt of curricular proposals. While the item will have received the approval of an academic council and will have undergone a thorough review by SC Office staff, the item will likely have been received within a few days of the deadline. The SC has been asked to approve this type of motion for the past few years.

Brown **moved** that for the 2015-16 academic year, if a course proposal or program change approval situation is so urgent that it cannot await approval via the 10-day web transmittal posting, but it has received all necessary department and/or college faculty approvals and the approval of at least one academic council, then the SC Chair may provisionally approve the course proposals and program changes for a single initial semester so long as the Chair reports that action to the SC and University Senate at the next possible meeting. The course cannot be taught again, nor can the program change be considered final, until the proposals finish the remaining post-college approval steps, nor may the Chair render a second provisional approval for the same item(s). Bailey **seconded**.

After some discussion, Grossman **moved** to amend the motion to ask the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) to formulate language to make this permanent. McCormick **seconded**. There was no further discussion so a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

When there was no further discussion, a **vote** was taken on the amended motion, below.

For the 2015-16 academic year, if a course proposal or program change approval situation is so urgent that it cannot await approval via the 10-day web transmittal posting, but it has received all necessary department and/or college faculty approvals and the approval of at least one academic council, then the SC Chair may provisionally approve the course proposals and program changes for a single initial semester so long as the Chair reports that action to the SC and University Senate at the next possible meeting. The course cannot be taught again, nor can the program change be considered final, until the proposals finish the remaining post-college approval steps, nor may the Chair render a second provisional approval for the same item(s). The SC will ask the SREC to formulate language to ~~make~~ codify the Chair's authority to offer provisional approval~~the Chair's authority permanent~~.

The motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Identification of Representatives for Various Committees/Councils
a. Naming of SC-Appointed Representatives to Academic Councils
i. Undergraduate Council
ii. Graduate Council
iii. Health Care Colleges Council
The Chair briefly explained the need for SC-appointed members to serve on each of the three academic councils of the Senate. SC members deliberated on possible nominees, leaning towards reappointing the faculty who served in those positions for 2014-15. Watt **moved** that the SC appoint: Elizabeth Debski (AS/Biology) as the SC nominee for the Health Care Colleges Council; Todd Porter (PH/Pharmaceutical Sciences) as the SC nominee for the Graduate Council; and Mary Arthur (AG/Forestry) as the SC nominee for the Undergraduate Council. McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Nominees for Staff Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on an Ombud
The SC identified seven faculty as nominees for the Staff Senate's ad hoc Committee on an Ombud. Grossman **moved** to send forward the nominations and McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure
The SC identified seven faculty as nominees for the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure. Bailey **moved** to send forward the nominations and McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

d. Senate Hearing Panel (Privilege and Tenure)
The SC identified nine faculty as nominees for the Senate Hearing Panel (Privilege and Tenure). Brown **moved** to send forward the nominations and Bailey **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

e. Extension Academic Area Advisory Committee
The SC identified seven faculty as nominees for the Extension Academic Area Advisory Committee. McCormick **moved** to send forward the nominations and Kraemer **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

f. University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees
The Chair explained that no nominees were necessary.

5. Proposed Change to *Senate Rules 1.2.3* ("Meetings") - Addition of Reference to Electronic Voting Records

The Chair explained that the item related to the Senate's relatively new practice of using "clickers" to register votes during Senate meetings. He said that the proposed change to the *Senate Rules* (*SR*) primarily documented how someone could request electronic voting records, as well as updated the language about an official copy of minutes from being on paper to electronic format. The Chair noted that an SC member had sent in a suggested edit to clarify that the only electronic votes were those taken at Senate meetings, not via email, etc. He referred SC members to the revised language on the overhead screen.

Brown **moved** to approve the following changes[1] to the last paragraph in *SR 1.2.3* and Bailey **seconded**:

> Copies of approved minutes of the University Senate shall be made available on a campus-wide basis electronically not later than the end of the next meeting of the Senate. However, the official minutes of record shall be maintained on the Senate's website as a paper document. A copy of the documentation supporting each action item voted upon shall be appended to and thereby maintained with the official copy of the minutes of record. Upon request, written copies of the minutes will be made available by the Secretary of the Senate. [US: 11/8/93; KRS 61.835] Detailed records of electronic votes taken at meetings of the University Senate are available upon request by contacting the Office of the Senate Council.

Grossman expressed concern about the possibility of someone tampering with electronic versions of the minutes or the files being inadvertently deleted. After brief discussion, it was confirmed that a copy of meeting minutes was kept on a storage drive backed up by UK.

When there was no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Senate Curricular Initiatives (time permitting)
The Chair shared that the SC office undertook a number of projects over the summer that will continue into the fall semester and beyond. The office is moving the website to the Drupal platform, which will allow information to be uploaded and shared more intelligently. For example, the site will eventually have a page that shows senators' past committee experience and other information that Senate has not posted in the past.

UK has officially contracted with DigArc to provide UK a new curriculum management system called "Curriculog." The system is an off-the-shelf solution that is used at a number of universities across the country. Curriculog will be more transparent for end users by showing exactly where a proposal is waiting and who it is waiting on.

Finally, a lot of time was spent over the summer creating new forms that Senate has never before offered, such as a form to change a graduate certificate. The Chair opined that SC will likely have a special meeting to review them all.

There being no further business to discuss, McCormick **moved** to adjourn and Watt **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Brown, Grossman, Hippisley, Kraemer, McCormick, Mullen, Porter, Watt, and Wilson.

Invited guests present: Catherine Seago and Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

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[1] Strikethrough formatting denotes deleted text and underlining denotes added text.