

Senate Council Minutes
August 24, 2009

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm in 107 Main Building on Monday, August 24, 2009. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Dave Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:10. Those present introduced themselves.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair noted that there was a quorum, so it was appropriate to review various sets of SC minutes. Wood **moved** to approve the minutes from April 20, and Jensen **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the minutes from April 20 were **approved** with none opposed. Wood **moved** to approve the minutes from April 27, and Kirk **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the minutes from April 27 were **approved** with none opposed. Jensen **moved** to approve the minutes from May 11, and Wood **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the minutes from May 11 were **approved** with none opposed. Wood **moved** to approve the minutes from June 2, and Jensen **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the minutes from June 2 were **approved** with none opposed. Review of the minutes from the SC retreat on August 17 was deferred until the next meeting.

The Chair reported that two colleges did not hold their Senate elections during the spring semester, so a motion was needed to waive the *Senate Rules (SR)* to allow a fall election. Kelly **moved** waive *SR 1.2.2.1.B* to allow a fall semester election to be conducted in the College of Fine Arts and the College of Social Work (affected colleges) so long as the elections are completed and codified by October 1, and **moved** to waive *SR 1.2.2.1.C* to allow the currently seated senators in the affected colleges to remain in their elected positions until their successors are elected. Jensen **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. There was some discussion amongst those present that the savings amount (resulting from a switch to cliff vesting) reported in the June 2 minutes was indeed what was reported verbally, but that the statement did not match the data presented in the handouts.

The Chair reported a variety of other announcements:

- Anderson, Chappell, Ford, Smith and Swanson reported their absences to the Office of the Senate Council.
- Piascik has gone on sabbatical, and there needs to be a replacement identified for her position on the SC. For a variety of reasons, the three runners up from the last election for SC members are no longer eligible. In this situation, the *SR* state that the Chair should identify a faculty senator to serve the remainder of Piascik's term (through December 2009), which must then be approved by the SC. The Chair said he preferred working from SC suggestions, and said that a list of faculty senators would be sent to SC members in the next couple of days.

- The Chair offered his thanks to Kelly for responding to every email solicitation sent out over the summer by the Office of the Senate Council.
- Guests for the third agenda item will arrive shortly before 4:30.
- A returning student with interests in fostering more community engagement (between staff, students and faculty and the local community) contacted the Chair. The Chair referred him to the Student Government Association, specifically to Kirk. If any SC member is interested in working on this effort, please inform the Chair.
- The chairs of faculty senates of the SEC schools (SECAFL) will be at UK in early October. The Chair asked SC members to think of a unique campus individual who could be asked to speak to the group for a couple of hours on an issue related to faculty governance.

2. 2008 – 2009 Evaluation of President Todd

SC members spent over an hour discussing various aspects of the evaluation, including the process itself. Yanarella was asked a number of questions regarding how the Board of Trustees (BoT) used the input received from the Office of the Senate Council. Yanarella explained that in past presidential evaluations the BoT did not incorporate the numerical scores offered by the SC in the final calculation of the President's evaluation. He did think it might be effective to offer some written comments about the President's performance. Therefore, SC members directed the Chair to use the numerical scores submitted as a guide for a more descriptive narrative outlining the opinion of the faculty.

3. [Code of Conduct \(Administrative Regulations 3:14\)](#)

An invited faculty senator explained to SC members that there had been a concern that there was insufficient faculty input into the Code of Conduct for the College of Pharmacy. After some discussion within the college and after a conversation with Provost Subbaswamy, the senator was satisfied to report to the SC that the college had received a one-month extension of the anticipated September 1 effective date for the college's code, meaning that there was one month available for discussion prior to an October 1 effective date for the College of Pharmacy.

Guests Harry Dadds (Medical Center Legal Counsel) and John Steiner (chief Compliance officer) arrived and offered some additional information, as well as answered a few questions.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Randall,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Jensen, Kelly, Kirk, Randall, Steiner, Wood and Yanarella.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, August 26, 2009.