

Senate Council  
August 26, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, August 26, 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 3:06 pm. The Chair requested that Ms. Brothers call the roll; Ms. Brothers announced that a quorum was present.

1. Request for Second Reinstatement for Student CZ-50

The Chair solicited a motion for SC to go into closed session, pursuant to K.R.S. 61.810, in accordance with Subsection (1) (j), for discussions and/or a hearing that might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual student. The Chair commented that such a motion did not restrict the student's right to a public hearing, if requested.

Watt **moved** to go into closed session in accordance with the statute referenced by the Chair; the motion was **seconded** by Wood. The Chair stated that the SC would move into closed session, and said that only voting members of the SC would be allowed in closed session, as well as Ms. Brothers. Those not allowed to be present left the room.

The Chair referred those present to the information on student CZ-50, which had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Chair asked the student to describe the student's history and what the student requested. The student shared information with SC members; there were a few questions, which were answered satisfactorily by either the student or the individual who attended on the student's behalf. When there was no further discussion, the Chair announced that the meeting would return to open session and that attendees not present could reenter the room. The Chair announced that the closed session had concluded and that no actions were taken, although she was willing to entertain a motion.

Christ **moved** that the SC accept and approve the petition for a second reinstatement from student ZC-50. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair informed the student that the student was officially readmitted and offered congratulations.

2. Minutes from June 13, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair noted that no corrections or changes had been received for the minutes of June 13, 2013. Therefore, the minutes were **approved by unanimous consent**.

There were a couple announcements. The Chair approved the inclusion of two students to the December 2012 degree list, and one student to the May 2013 degree list. The Chair explained that she gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees' Executive Committee on the results of the President's survey evaluation by the faculty. Wood also attended, as SC vice chair as well as the statistician who gathered the results. There were a few questions from SC members.

Provost Christine Riordan will be attending the SC meetings immediately following University Senate (Senate) meetings.

The annual Stakes Reception, for members of the Staff Senate and University Senate to mingle with members of the Board of Trustees, is set for Tuesday, December 17.

3. Naming of Subset of SC for Reinstatement Committee

The Chair noted that the SC typically identifies a subset of the SC to serve as the Senate's Reinstatement Committee. After brief discussion, the Chair, Palli and Wasilkowski volunteered to serve. Anderson **moved** that Blonder, Wasilkowski and Palli serve as the Senate's Reinstatement Committee for the 2013-2014 academic year. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 4. Senate Committee Assignments

SC members discussed the proposed committee assignments. Anderson agreed to serve on the Senate's Advisory Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SACDAC).

Hippisley **moved** to approve the Senate committee assignments as presented, with the addition of Anderson to the Senate's Advisory Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SACDAC), and direct the SC Chair to work with the committees to identify committee chairs. Anderson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 5. Senate's Graduate Communication and Composition Requirement Advisory Committee – Composition

The Chair asked Guest Ben Withers, interim associate provost for undergraduate education, to talk about the how the potential nominees were identified, and next steps. Withers did so, explaining who had been contacted, whether or not they were willing to serve, and leadership for the Graduate Communication and Composition Requirement Advisory Committee (GCCRAC). Withers also shared the rationale for starting with 12 members, which was well within the SC's original guidelines of "at least eight members." Noting the fact that it is a brand new requirement, he said it would be best to have at least one person from each undergraduate college to serve as a liaison to their college faculty. Once GCCR is up and running, the GCCRAC membership can be brought down to eight. There were some concerns expressed that it could be perceived as "removing" representation from an undergraduate college when the GCCRAC size goes down from 12 to eight.

After additional discussion, Anderson **moved** to approve the composition of the GCCRAC as presented, including a replacement for the one faculty member from a social sciences background, who declined. When asked about the term of membership, Withers explained that GCCRAC could determine terms for each individual of two or three years. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 6. August 2013 Degree List (second of two)

Wood **moved** that the elected faculty senators of the SC approve UK's second 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**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 7. Honorary Degrees (Three Nominees) for December 2013

Guest Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School and chair of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees, presented to SC the three nominees for honorary doctorates.

There was extensive discussion about the number of nominees for the December 2013 commencement, as well as how many honorary degrees would be granted in May 2014. Members noted that according to *Senate Rules 5.4.2.3 C*, the number of honorary degrees awarded during any academic year shall be limited to five, with no more than four at any single Commencement, and the honoree must be present to receive the honorary degree. As discussion wound down, Debski **moved** to return the three nominees to the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD) and request that the UJCHD send forward two nominees to present to the Senate. Watt **seconded**. There was additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with five in favor, two opposed and one abstaining.

#### 8. Tentative Senate Agenda for September 9, 2013

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda for September 9. The following changes were made to the agenda:

- Remove vice chair and trustee reports.
- Leave the "honorary degree" item intact but remove the language pertaining to the number of recipients.

- Correction of a typo.

Brion **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for September 9, with the changes discussed. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

9. Update on Undergraduate Council's Summer Retreat - Undergraduate Council Chair Karen Badger and Interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Ben Withers

Withers offered SC information on the Undergraduate Council's summer retreat, which was the second annual retreat held jointly with the UK Core Education Committee (UKCEC). Withers said that the faculty and staff involved reflected on the activities of the past academic year, cleared up unfinished business from the academic year, and turned their attention to upcoming issues, particularly massively open online courses (MOOCs). There was a concern that students in the future may find a MOOC-related loophole which would allow a student to receive credit for some aspects of UK Core by taking a MOOC instead of an approved UK Core course. There was additional discussion among those present.

There being no further business to attend to, Wood **moved** to adjourn and Brion **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Hippisley, McCamy, Palli, Wasilkowski, Watt and Wood.

Provost's liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Jeannie Blackwell, Gina Lowry and Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, August 30, 2013.