

Senate Council
August 26, 2019

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, August 26, 2019 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 Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The Chair welcomed those present.

1. Minutes from August 19, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits had been received for the sets of minutes from August 19, 2019. There being **no objections**, the minutes from August 19, 2019 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair announced that President Eli Capilouto is hosting a welcome back reception for members of the University Senate (Senate) in early October. More information will be sent out about it.

2. Provost David Blackwell

Provost David Blackwell and David Kinsella (senior associate general counsel) (both guests) discussed with the SC the research misconduct incident in the Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology within the College of Medicine. An email regarding the misconduct was distributed to campus and press releases were issued last week. The Provost explained the investigation process and the actions that were taken by UK as a result.

The SC had some questions and there was a brief discussion about the incident with Provost Blackwell and Kinsella. The SC appeared pleased with the University's response to the incidence.

The United States Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) have been notified and they may require further investigation. The Provost will keep the SC informed of updates.

3. Old Business

a. Nominees for SC Liaisons to Academic Councils (in accordance with *SR 1.3.2.3*, *SR 1.3.3.2* and *SR 1.3.4.2*)

Member lists from the SAASC, SAOSC, and SAPC were passed out as suggested possibilities. Historically these lists have been useful in identifying members because there is overlap between these committees and the academic councils. Each council meets about once a month.

The SC discussed and named possible nominees for SC's liaisons to the Graduate Council, Undergraduate Council, and Health Care Colleges Council.

4. Degree Recipients

a. Late August 2019 Degree List

The Chair presented the late August 2019 degree list. Osterhage **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC approve UK's **December 2019** list of candidates for credentials, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Update on Non-Degree Students in Summer 2019 and Fall 2019 Classes – Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Christine Harper

The Chair received an email with data requested by the SC last week to see if any courses this summer with non-degree students enrolled had a wait list. The email was distributed to the SC right before the meeting. Osterhage and Grossman commented on the format of the spreadsheet; a summary of information would have been easier to understand. The Chair offered a summary from Harper's email. There were 988 sections offered this summer. Fifty-six of those courses had only one seat left, but none were completely full. There were no wait lists.

Christine Harper was unable to attend the SC meeting, but Kim Taylor (University Registrar) was present for questions. The SC had some questions and discussed the sorts of data they were interested in seeing. During discussion, Taylor said that there would be a request to SC members in the near future to allow non-degree students to enroll in courses prior to degree-seeking students. Taylor confirmed for the Chair that those dates had not been included in the University calendar for 2019-20 that the SC and Senate had already approved. The Chair noted that the Registrar's office would need to send forward a request to SC to approve the addition of registration dates for non-degree students.

The Chair asked SC members for information on what data they will want to see when being presented with the request to add a course registration date for non-degree students. There was additional discussion. Vincent commented that department chairs are made aware if degree-seeking candidates cannot get into classes, so it was not likely an issue for the fall semester.

The Chair said that a possible charge for the Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) will be discussed later in the meeting, to review any issues with non-degree students. The SAPPC can send further questions and requests for data to Christine Harper at that time.

The Chair requested the same data for the fall 2019 semester when it becomes available, so that SC can review that information when the Registrar's office requests the course registration change for non-degree students.

6. Update on CIP Changes - Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

The Chair reminded the SC that the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness was authorized to make CIP Code changes to programs when there was no other change to be made, and that the SC had requested an annual report of these changes.

Annie Davis-Weber presented the summary of CIP code changes that her office has made over the last year. There were six CIP code changes total. Four of those changes came at the request of the programs and two came through other processes. One was changed due to a change in definition of CIP Codes and the other was changed because CPE informed UK that the current CIP code was not valid for a four-year institution.

These updates will be shared with the University Senate at their first meeting.

7. Proposed Change to 2019-20 University Calendar (Last Day for December Graduates to Sit for a Final Examination)

The Chair explained that the Graduate School (GS) would like to make a change to the 2019-20 University Calendar. Due to a clerical error, the last day for December graduates to sit for a final was scheduled on the Thanksgiving holiday (November 28, 2019). The GS would like to change this date to Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

Concerns were raised that the last day for December graduates to sit for final exams was happening earlier in the semester than the usual Thursday before Dead Week. There was support for changing the date from the proposed November 26, 2019 to December 5, 2019.

Grossman **moved** to change the last day for December graduates to sit for a final exam to be moved from November 26, 2019 to December 5, 2019. Brion **seconded**. After some discussion a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

8. Nominees for Health Care Colleges Code of Professional Student Conduct Appeals Board (HCCCAB)
The Chair visited the Medicine Faculty Council last week and asked them for nominees, but she didn't receive any from them. The Chair then asked the SC for suggestions and they approved a list of about 30 faculty members.

The SC also suggests that the terms be staggered for the HCCCAB.

9. Phased Retirement Survey for Members of Staff Senate and University Senate
The Chair, at the request of the SC last year, asked President Capilouto about making changes to the *Administrative Regulations* so that the position of faculty trustee could be filled by someone who is on phased retirement. The President asked for more information about this potential change and wanted to know what the staff thinks about it.

A draft survey was created in order to ask faculty senators and staff senators their opinion about allowing someone on phased retirement to serve as trustee. It was shared with the SC and Jon Gent (Staff Senate chair).

Gent consulted the Executive Committee of the Staff Senate for their opinions regarding staff members on phased retirement serving as trustee. Gent informed the Chair that the Staff Senate Executive Committee does not support allowing a staff member on phased retirement to serve as trustee. There were a few comments suggesting that even if the issue of a trustee on phased retirement would not move forward, the Senate could change its rules to allow less-than-full-time faculty to serve as senators.

There was discussion among the SC about options. Brion **moved** to add the survey option to the next Senate meeting and ask senators to get feedback from their constituents on allowing faculty on phased retirement to serve in the Senate. The survey would then be sent only to senators and they would fill it out according to the feedback they have received. Cross **seconded**. Discussion continued.

Grossman **moved** to table the motion until the next meeting, to sort through the questions raised during the discussion. Vincent **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair said she would place the issue on the SC agenda for September 16.

10. Tentative Senate Agenda for September 9, 2019
The proposed agenda was presented to the SC. Grossman asked if there were any agenda items that were left from last year; the Chair responded that there were not. Hamilton **moved** to approve the Senate agenda for September 9, 2019. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

11. Proposed Charge to Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) Regarding Faculty Experiences with Non-Degree Student Enrollment

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Grossman proposed that the SAPPC: survey faculty who had nondegree-seeking students in their classes in a previous term on whether the nondegree-seeking students performed at levels comparable to degree-seeking students; and learn whether nondegree-seeking students in any particular course caused the course to fill up and potentially exclude degree-seeking students. There was a short discussion and SC recommended that the SAPPC investigate on a continual basis with the first report due by the end of the spring semester.

Grossman **moved** to charge the SAPPC as described, with a report due to the SC by the end of the spring semester. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Brion, Collett, Cramer, Cross, Eastman, Grossman, Hall, Hamilton, Osterhage, Shaikh, Sault, and Vincent.

Invited guests present: David Blackwell, David Kinsella, Kim Taylor, Annie Davis Weber.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Thursday, August 29, 2019.