

Senate Council
August 27, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, August 27, 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 3:03 pm.

1. Minutes from August 20, 2012 and Announcements

The Chair noted that there were no corrections received for the August 20 minutes. Grossman **moved** to approve the minutes from August 20, 2012 as distributed and Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair had two announcements. She requested that SC members to raise their hands to be called on, since sometimes people cannot see that someone else has their hand raised. The syllabus generator demonstrated on August 20 is not compatible with the rest of campus at the present time. It will be tested at CELT (Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching) before it is rolled out for campuswide usage.

2. Old Business

a. Reinstatement Committee

The Chair explained that the SC needed to formally designate a subset of the SC, including a student, to serve as the Reinstatement Committee. Wood **moved** that the SC name Lee Blonder, Bob Grossman and Eli Edwards as the members of the Reinstatement Committee for 2012-2013. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mark Kornbluh and Department of Biology Chair Vincent Cassone - Impact of Budget Cuts on A&S

The Chair invited College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mark Kornbluh to share information about how the budget cuts have affected the college for FY 2012-2013, as well as for 2013-2014. Guest Dean Kornbluh did so, and answered a few questions from SC members.

4. Vincent Cassone - Update on Council of Chairs

Guest Vincent Cassone, chair of the Council of Chairs and Directors, shared information about the group with SC members. There were a few questions.

5. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – Davy Jones, Chair

Guest Davy Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), explained that the SREC had put the finishing touches on language about the election of the SC chair, which the SC drafted almost a year ago; it was intended to facilitate participation of faculty senators (in the University Senate) in the SC chair election process. SC members and Jones discussed the proposed changes to the language.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend that the University Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.2.A* and *Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.A*, effective immediately. Edwards **seconded**. There was discussion regarding how to deal with a tie vote in the election of the SC chair. Brion offered an **amendment** to change the wording regarding ties so that the Senate will be involved only if the SC cannot resolve the tie.

A **vote** was taken on the amendment to replace the sentence, "If there is a tie then the elected faculty senators will vote to break the tie." with "If there is a tie and the Senate Council is unable to resolve that tie, then the elected faculty senators will vote to break the tie." The motion **passed** with one opposed.

There were a few editorial changes made by SC members to clarify the wording. Below is the final version* of the text that was voted on by SC members. A **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the University Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.2.A* and *Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.A* as discussed, effective immediately. The motion **passed** with nine in favor and two opposed.

In November preceding the academic year during which the Senate Council Chair shall serve, the elected faculty senators will be asked to nominate current elected faculty members of the Senate Council to serve as Senate Council Chair. The chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) will ascertain willingness of these nominees to serve. Should more than one nominee be willing to serve if elected, the nominees will be offered an opportunity to provide an up to 200 word election statement, and this that will be distributed to the elected faculty senators two weeks before the election. The elected faculty senators will be solicited by email to express their opinions of the nominees to the Senate Council. The Senate Council will consider this feedback in electing the next Senate Council Chair in the December preceding the June 1 start date.

If there is a tie and the Senate Council is unable to resolve that tie, then the elected faculty senators will vote to break the tie. If there is only one nominee who agrees to serve, then the election shall be declared completed and this person shall be the Senate Council Chair-elect, and the University Senate notified.

Terms of office:
(no change)

C. Chair-elect

The Chair-elect or a Chair re-elected to a second term shall take office as Senate Council Chair on the following June 1st and serve through May 31st of the next year. A member of the Senate Council is not eligible while on sabbatical for election as Chair-elect, but a person who has replaced the member on sabbatical on the Senate Council is eligible to be elected as Chair-elect. The Senate Council Chair-elect will be given the opportunity to shadow the current Senate Council Chair during the 6 months preceding the Senate Council Chair-elect assuming the office. In the Chair-elect's capacity as an Officer of the Senate Council (SR 1.3.1.3.C), the Chair-elect is a nonvoting member of the Senate Council.

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1.3.1.2.A Elected Faculty Membership

3. Election. Elections shall be conducted by electronic secret ballot or paper secret ballot if electronic election is not feasible. Three (3) elected faculty representatives in the University Senate shall be elected annually during the fall semester to serve on the Senate Council. The election shall be conducted under the supervision of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee, who shall remind the voters that election to the Senate Council confers eligibility for election to Senate Council Chair the following year.

b. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 5.4.1 ("Residence Requirements")

* The language presented to the SC on August 27 was not based on current language in the Senate Rules, but rather was based on the language the SC proposed in fall 2011. The SREC identified certain areas of the proposed language that could be better phrased. Therefore, the language reflected in these minutes will be incorporated into the Senate Rules upon Senate approval.

Jones went on to explain that the *Senate Rules* did not expressly state the residency requirements as required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

There was lengthy discussion regarding whether or not the language in “(2)” and “(3)” was duplicative. It was ultimately decided that the two qualifications were likely duplicative, but that having the qualifications spelled out will improve understanding and correct reporting.

Grossman **moved** to recommend that the University Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1* as outlined in the handout. Davis **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

Grossman then explained that there was an issue with voting rights for the ex officio members of the SC’s ad hoc committee on centers and MDRCs. Both Jones and Greissman (Provost’s Liaison to SC) will serve as ex officio members and Grossman wanted to be clear on their voting rights. Both Jones and Greissman asked to be non-voting members. Grossman **moved** that the ex officio members of the ad hoc committee on centers, etc. be non-voting. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Senate Committee Preferences (Round 1)

SC members discussed the Senate committee preferences that were presented. Mrs. Brothers went over the compositions committee by committee and answered questions. A few changes were made.

Wood **moved** to approve the committee compositions as discussed and direct the SC Chair to identify an appropriate committee chair for each committee without a returning chair. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Proposed Editorial Changes to 2012 - 2013 College of Pharmacy Calendar

The Chair explained that the College of Pharmacy asked to change their calendar to include the presidential Election Day as an academic holiday and include the date when first and second year professional students begin Rotation Block B.

Grossman **moved** to approve the editorial changes to the 2012 – 2013 College of Pharmacy Calendar and Wright **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

8. Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement – Senate Ex Officio Rights & Chairing the HCCC

The Chair explained that the Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC) was most recently chaired by the individual holding the position of associate provost for faculty affairs. Before that, it was chaired by the individual who held the position of associate provost for academic affairs. The SC now must determine if the position of associate provost for faculty advancement is the right position to chair the HCCC. The Chair added that the HCCC has historically been chaired by an administrator from the Provost’s area.

After discussion, Wood **moved** that the individual holding the position of associate provost for faculty advancement chair the HCCC. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair suggested that SC members move to the issue of Senate voting rights – should the new position of associate provost for faculty advancement have the same voting rights as did the position’s precursor (voting rights in odd-numbered years for the associate provost for faculty affairs).

Discussion moved away from the specific position at hand to a broader discussion of ex officio membership in general. Grossman **moved** that the SC establish an ad hoc committee to review

the ex officio voting and non-voting status of administrators. Brion **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Due to the time, the Chair suggested the SC take up the Senate's agenda for September 10 – there were no objections.

10. Tentative Senate Agenda for September 10, 2012

There were no changes suggested. Grossman **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for September 10 and Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair informed SC members that after discussions with a variety of individuals, President Capilouto will wait to make a final, formal decision on the reporting structure of the vice president for research (VPR) until the ad hoc committee on MDRCs, centers, etc. delivers a final report in late fall. In early spring he will prepare a formal proposal on the reporting structure of the VPR for presentation to the Senate for input.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Coyne, Brion, Davis, Debski, Edwards, Grossman, McCormick, Swanson, Wasilkowski and Wood.

Invited guests present: Vincent Cassone, Davy Jones and Mark Kornbluh.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, August 31, 2012.