

Senate Council
December 1, 2014

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, December 1, 2014 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 Hipsisley called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from November 17, 2014 and Announcements

The Chair said that he had not received any corrections to the minutes from November 17. There being **no objection**, the minutes from November 17, 2014 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair had a few announcements.

- The annual Stakes Reception will take place Tuesday, December 9, from 2:30 – 4:30 on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower. The Chair encouraged SC members to attend and talk with members of the Board of Trustees.
- The Chair mentioned the matter of outdated college and departmental rules to Provost Christine Riordan. The *Governing Regulations* require that such rules be cross-checked by the Provost's office for consistency with the *Governing Regulations*, *Administrative Regulations*, and the *Senate Rules*. The Chair asked if the Provost's office would like to delegate the cross-check with *Senate Rules* to the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) and the answer from Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement G. T. Lineberry was in the affirmative. The Chair said that while the SREC already does this to a limited degree, he will put forward a formal proposal to expand the SREC's charge.
- The SC office received another request for a late addition to a degree list due to administrative error. The Chair wrote to the appropriate associate dean to request that issues pertaining to degree lists be more carefully monitored. The Chair said he would continue to announce such additions to SC, as well as write the appropriate faculty administrator.
- Following SC's charge, the Student Government Association's recommended changes to the *Senate Rules* regarding plagiarism have been received by the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) for interpretation (editorial or substantive revisions).

2. Degree Recipients

a. Honorary Degree Nominees - Interim Graduate School Dean Susan Carvalho

Graduate School Dean Susan Carvalho, chair of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD), presented the three nominees for honorary degrees, to be conferred at the May 2015 Commencement ceremony. The Chair said that the nominees came from committee, so no **second** was necessary. There were a few questions from SC members.

When there were no further questions, the Chair called for a **vote** on the **motion** that the Senate Council's elected faculty senators forward UJCHD's three recommendations for honorary degree recipients (honorary degree candidate ML for an Honorary Doctor of Arts, honorary degree candidate PL

for an Honorary Doctor of Humanities, and honorary degree candidate POL for an honorary doctorate of letters) for submission to the University Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended honorary degrees to be conferred by the Board of Trustees. The motion **passed** with none opposed.

Carvalho thanked the SC. She added that the UJCHD would be happy to receive additional guidance from the Senate Council and Senate (Senate) regarding how to determine which honorary degree type was suitable for which type of honorary degree candidate. She said any descriptors could be incorporated into deliberations so long as the descriptors are sufficiently broad.

b. December 2014 In Memoriam Posthumous Degree Candidate

The Chair explained that there was one *In Memoriam* posthumous degree candidate, the first one under the Senate's new policy. Christ **moved** that the elected faculty senators of the SC approve the December 2014 *In Memoriam* posthumous degree candidate, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degree to be conferred by the Board. Grossman **seconded**.

There was brief discussion about the level of detail available regarding the student's passing. The Chair said he would offer additional information about the student when the degree is discussed during the December Senate meeting.

A **vote** was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

c. December 2014 Degree List

Pienkowski **moved** that the elected faculty senators of the SC approve UK's December 2014 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. Porter **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) - Wally Ferrier, Chair

i. Proposed Standardized Meeting Patterns

The Chair thanked Guest Kevin Real (CI/Communication), member of the Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC), for attending and presenting the SAPPC's response to the proposal for standardized meeting patterns. Real explained that there were four primary concerns of the SAPPC, although the SAPPC offered suggestions on how to deal with their concerns. There was extensive discussion among SC members and Real, with a few comments by Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Ben Withers (guest).

As discussion wound down, the Chair suggested that there seemed to be a consensus around asking the Registrar's office if the SAPPC's recommendations could be implemented, as well as asking the Registrar's office for some evidence to support assertions that students avoid registering for classes that meet on Friday afternoons (i.e. Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes that begin at 2 pm, 3 pm, or 4 pm). There were no objections, so the Chair suggested to Real that the SAPPC discuss implementation possibilities with the Registrar, as well ask the Registrar for evidence to support the assertion that students avoid classes that meet on Friday afternoons.

ii. Update on Activities

Because the SAPPC chair was unavoidably absent, there was no update.

b. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Greg Graf, Chair

i. Masters Final Examination Enrollment Policy

Guest Greg Graf, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal to SC members. The Chair said that the **motion** to recommend approval of a new master's degree final examination policy came from the SAASC, so no **second** was required. SC members discussed the proposal; Graduate School Assistant Dean for Academic Services Cleo Price (guest) also participated in the discussion. Price confirmed that a course equivalent to the course used by Plan A (thesis) students would be created and that the course would not incur any charges or tuition, nor would it carry any credit. The purpose of the change is to allow the Graduate School to better track the progress of masters students.

When there was no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. After the vote, it was clarified that the specific language of the proposal would appear in the Graduate School Bulletin and in the Directors of Graduate Studies Handbook.

4. Final Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Teacher-Course Evaluations - Jonathan Golding, Chair

The Chair welcomed Jonathan Golding (AS/Psychology), who chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Teacher-Course Evaluations. The Chair said that the issue was originally given to SC by the Provost's office. There was extensive discussion among Guest Golding and SC members and included the topics listed below.

- Composition of the ad hoc committee.
- Buy-in from all colleges.
- Incentives for students to fill out and submit teacher-course evaluations.
- Further vetting of the report.
- Implementation of the new form.
- Possible costs associated with customizing questions on the new form.
- Student reactions to the questions and if the questions are clear.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it endorse the report by the ad hoc Committee on Teacher-Course Evaluations and send it to the Provost for implementation at her discretion. McCormick **seconded**. There was additional discussion. Grossman **withdrew** his motion and McCormick agreed.

Grossman **moved** that the SC forward the report by the ad hoc Committee on Teacher-Course Evaluations to the Senate for a first reading, discussion, and possible revisions with the intent of presenting a final draft to the Senate at a future Senate meeting. McCormick **seconded**. In response to McCormick, Golding said he would attempt to reconvene the ad hoc committee, but he anticipated difficulty getting everyone back together. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Proposed Non-standard Calendars for NUR 900, NUR 917, NUR 918, NUR 919, NUR 925, NUR 930, NUR 520, and NUR 752

The Chair invited Guest Kathy Collins (NU student affairs officer) to present the request for non-standard calendars, which she did. Porter **moved** to approve standing non-standard calendars for NUR 900, NUR 917, NUR 918, NUR 919, NUR 925, NUR 930, NUR 520, and NUR 752. Pienkowski **seconded**. There being no questions or discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Tentative Senate Agenda for December 8, 2014

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda for December 8, 2014. Due to the expectation of further effort put forth toward standardized meeting patterns, the SC opted not to include it on the Senate's agenda. Porter **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for December 8, 2014 as an ordered list (and the removal of the agenda item for Standardized Meeting Patterns), with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules. Pienkowski **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

There being no further business to attend to, Porter **moved** to adjourn and McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson , Brown , Christ, Debski, Grossman, Hippisley, McCormick, Oberst, Osorio, Pienkowski, Porter, and Watt.

Apologies received by: Ingram, Wilson.

Invited guests present: Susan Carvalho, Kathy Collins, Greg Graf, Morris Grubbs, Cleo Price, Kevin Real, and Catherine Seago.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, December 3, 2014.