

Senate Council
December 3, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm in 103 Main Building on Monday, December 3, 2012. 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 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from November 19, 2012 and November 26, 2012 and Announcements

The Chair said there were a few changes to the minutes from November 19. There being no further revisions, the SC minutes from November 19 were **approved** by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair said there were also a few changes to the minutes from November 26. There being no further revisions, the SC minutes from November 26 were **approved** by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair said she was honored to have been reelected as SC chair for a second term. She expressed appreciation for supportive comments and said she was sad to see the terms end for some SC members.

The first SC meeting in January 2013 will be on January 14.

Elections for the vice chair position will be held on December 17. The Chair asked those eligible to please let Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee, know of any interest in serving in that position.

Grossman's SC term ends December 31, 2012, but he will continue attending SC meetings through May 2013 by virtue of his position as vice chair.

President Capilouto will attend the December 10 University Senate (Senate) meeting; his presentation will begin at 3 pm and he will take questions afterwards.

There was general discussion regarding the SC's memo to President Capilouto of October 4, 2012 on the then-proposed budget cuts. The Chair asked SC members to comment on whether they thought President Capilouto adequately responded to the recommendations in the October 4 memo. After discussion, the general consensus was that he had, for the time being.

2. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee – Andrew Hippisley, Chair

i. Proposed Resurrection ("New") BA/BS in Foreign Language and International Economics

Guest Andrew Hippisley, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained that the **motion** from the SAPC was to recommend the Senate approve for submission to the Board of Trustees the resurrection of the suspended BA/BS in Foreign Language and International Economics in the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was necessary.

Grossman asked what the term "**resurrected**" was meant to imply. Guest Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby (chair, Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literature and Cultures) explained that the once free-standing degree was subsumed by a track in the International Studies bachelor's degree. She explained that the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) was not treating the resurrection as a new

program. There were additional questions from SC members, including whether the program was suspended or deleted and who will serve as the faculty of record to make decisions about the program. Guest Anna Bosch (associate dean for undergraduate programs, College of Arts and Sciences) added that the CPE had been in constant communication with Graduate School Dean Jeannine Blackwell (and former Associate Provost for Academic Administration) about the proposal.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate approve the reactivation of the BA/BS in Foreign Language and International Economics as long as the proposal contains a list of the faculty serving as the faculty of record. Brion **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair suggested the SC move to agenda item number six; the other items will be discussed upon arrival of the invited guests.

6. Discussion on Provost Search

The Chair informed SC members that the meeting for SC members to offer input into the Provost search will be later in the week. She opened up the floor for comments from SC members. She offered basic search committee and consultant information, as well as the decision to have an open search by the time the number of candidates is down to between two and four. She read off the names of search committee members: Terry Allen; Mike Adams; Rodney Andrews; Kristin Ashford; David Blackwell; Lee Blonder; Mary Chandler Bolin; Charley Carlson; Nancy Cox; Mary Davis; Mary Katherine Kington; Noemi Lugo; Terry Malone; Mary John O'Hair; Mike Reid; and Frank X. Walker. SC members offered opinions about the search process as well as valued characteristics of candidates. SC members also discussed a variety of other, tangential matters.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for December 10, 2012

SC members discussed the proposed tentative Senate agenda for December 10. SC members suggested the item on budget cuts be postponed until the February Senate meeting. A variety of items were rearranged.

Ms. Brothers presented an email request from Heidi Anderson (Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness) that the SC review a query from the accreditation report from the SACSCOC (Southern Association on Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) regarding residency. Grossman **moved** that the SC submit the request from Anderson (clarification of *Senate Rules 5.4.1*, asterisk interpretation regarding study abroad) to the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee for prompt discussion with a report to the SC on January 14 or sooner. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Swanson clarified that it was normal to have points of noncompliance during a SACSCOC accreditation process. UK was on the low end of number of areas of noncompliance (18 areas of noncompliance); a range of 18 – 35 is generally considered to be good.

Grossman **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for December 10, 2012 as revised. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no further discussion on the agenda, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Proposed Change to Honors Program - Honors Program Director Ben Withers

Honors Program Director Ben Withers thanked SC members for meeting with him again, in reference to an item he brought before the SC at the beginning of the semester. Guest Withers commented that after the new honors curriculum was created and the faculty of record identified, there was little to no direction regarding what the faculty of record should be doing. He said many individuals worked together to codify a new addition to the *SR* on the duties of the faculty of record. Withers described the highlights of the proposed language. He then answered questions from SC members.

Debski asked for clarification about the action that Withers wanted the SC to take. Withers said the language is to become part of the *SR*. Debski expressed deep concern that the proposed language did not come to the SC from a committee. Withers said that Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), suggested Withers present the proposed language as a report from the Honors Program Committee. It was brand new language, not a revision of existing *SR* language. Debski said that while she did not object to the content per se, but she was not comfortable approving it for inclusion into the *SR* without a recommendation from a Senate committee. Provost's Liaison Greissman commented that the UK Core Committee was formed via a similar process. There was some additional discussion.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate in February that the document be incorporated into the *Senate Rules* as written, with the correction of adding "existing" to modify "courses" in B.2. [Underline formatting denotes added text.]

"2. Upon the recommendation of the Director of University Honors Program, it shall vote to approve (or not) all sections of existing courses which are proposed by colleges, departments, schools or other units to fulfill the program requirements."

Wasilkowski **seconded** the motion. There was additional discussion.

Debski **offered an amendment** to send a draft version of the SREC for review prior to returning to the SC in time for the SC to add it to the February Senate agenda. Anderson **seconded**. The Chair asked for discussion on the amendment. There was additional discussion about the proposed language and timing of Senate approval. Grossman commented that the only member of the SREC not present was Davy Jones. He thought the language was fine the way it was presented. After additional discussion, a **vote** was taken on the amendment and the motion **failed** with one in favor. The Chair asked SC members to turn their attention back to the main motion.

Grossman **amended** the main motion to place the proposed Honors Program language on the Senate agenda for December, as well as to send the Senate-approved language to the SREC for codification. Wasilkowski **agreed**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the SC recommend to the Senate in December that the document be incorporated into the *Senate Rules* as written, with the correction of adding "existing" to modify "courses" in B.2, and to send the Senate-approved language to the SREC for codification. The motion **passed** with one opposed.

4. Foreign Language Requirement

Withers and Associate Provost for International Programs Susan Carvalho explained the matter at hand. Guest Carvalho said the students affected are those who entered in fall 2011 and fall 2012.

There was extensive discussion among those present. Carvalho suggested the UK Core Education Committee review various aspects of the foreign language requirement. Grossman **moved** that the

language in the Bulletin be the official University policy for students who have matriculated through the 2012/2013 academic year.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. Wood expressed concern about writing proposed Bulletin language on the fly. Carvalho explained that by early spring, the UK Core Education Committee will present proposed Bulletin text to be used for fall 2013; the SC will hear a recommendation on where the information will be located for regulatory purposes; and a recommendation regarding the establishment of an implementation committee, with dates, to allow for world language testing in fall 2013, in preparation for full-fledged testing in fall 2014. There were no objections from SC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

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

Provost's Liaison present: Richard Greissman.

Invited guests present: Anna Bosch, Andrew Hippisley, Bill Hoyt, Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby and Ana Rueda.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, January 8, 2013.