

Senate Council Meeting
February 19, 2007

The Senate Council met on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 3 pm in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm, when there were sufficient Senate Council (SC) members present for a quorum.

1. Minutes from February 5 and Announcements

The Chair noted that although the minutes had been sent out late, he had received no objections against approving the minutes. There being no objections, the minutes from February 5 were approved as distributed.

The Chair said that Dembo, Finkel and Randall would be absent and that Grabau would be late due to teaching responsibilities. He then turned to announcements.

Regarding the nominees for the College of Law external program review, the Chair said that Provost Subbaswamy was informed that the list of nominees would be late in arriving; it was due on February 16. With an attention to diversity, SC members engaged in a discussion over which individuals on the handout would be submitted to the Provost. (Michael and Grabau arrived during the discussion.)

The Chair said that he had received good input from many SC members on the listserv regarding the discussion on the proposed expansion of the Employee Education Program (EEP). He said that since the sentiment expressed by the members were almost unanimous, if the occasion arose, he would be able to claim that he is speaking for the Council.

4. [Rule Waiver Request – RWA Past “Two-Year Window” \(BA-13\)](#)

The Chair explained that the request from student BA-13 was similar to past scenarios in which the student submitted the retroactive withdrawal application (RWA) to the dean. In this situation, the application could not be heard by the Senate’s RWA Committee (SRWAC) within the two-year window. He said he requested the waiver to *Senate Rule (SR) 5.1.8.5.A.2* on behalf of the student.

Lesnaw **moved** that the Senate Council waive *Senate Rule 5.1.8.5.A.2* for student BA-13. Aken **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously.

5. [Rule Waiver Request – RWA Past “Two-Year Window” \(VM-49\)](#)

The Chair said that the request for student VM-49 was similar to the previous item, however in that student’s case, the RWA remained in the dean’s office for

three months; when the RWA was received by the Office of the Senate Council, it was past the two-year window.

Harley **moved** that the Senate Council waive *Senate Rule 5.1.8.5.A.2* for student VM-49. Piascik **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously.

The Chair confirmed for Michael that the waivers would be reported to the Senate. There was a discussion regarding concerns that an RWA could sit untended for three months. A discussion regarding proposed changes to *SR 5.1.8.5.A.2* followed. The changed language would be on a future SC agenda, after the SRWAC approves the proposed changes.

The Chair said that the remainder of the meeting would be dedicated to identifying faculty members to submit as nominees (for academic area advisory committees and other committees) to the Office of the President. The Chair added that the nominees were due on February 16, but he informed the Office of the President that they would be about a week late. The Chair reminded SC members that two individuals would need to be identified for every vacancy.

SC members were given two handouts to aid them in identifying nominees and all participated in the very lengthy discussion that followed. Nominees were identified for the academic area advisory committees, the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure, the Senate Hearing Panel (Privilege & Tenure), the Senate Advisory Faculty Code Committee, and the University Appeals Board. (Yanarella arrived during the beginning of the discussion and Grabau left toward the end.)

Afterwards, the Chair said that nominees were customarily paired; it was decided that the Chair would send a tentative pairing of all the nominees to the listserv for approval by the SC. Wood suggested the names be paired by department when possible.

The Chair said that there would be a follow up discussion regarding clinical title series faculty at the subsequent SC meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kaveh Tagavi,
Senate Council Chair

SC Members present: Aken, Grabau, Harley, Lesnaw, Michael, Piascik, Tagavi, Thelin, Wood and Yanarella.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, February 20, 2007.