

Senate Council  
February 2, 2015

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 2, 2015 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 Hippisley called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

1. Minutes from January 12, 2015 and Announcements

The Chair reported that he received a few minor edits to the minutes from January 12, 2015. There being no further changes, the minutes from January 12, 2015 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**. There were a few announcements.

The Chair reminded SC members of the upcoming convocation for UK's sesquicentennial celebration. He reminded them of the time and date and let them know regalia would be available for use free of charge. The Chair said it would be good to have a strong senate showing in support of UK's 150 years.

The candidates for the position of provost will meet with SC, for about an hour, each. The Chair said that he would let SC members know when the time and location is set.

In his meeting with President Capilouto, the Chair mentioned the administrative bloat issue that a senator brought up in "Other Business" during a Senate meeting recently. The Chair said the President reported he was aware of the issue and would look into it.

Because the President's performance evaluation is coming up, the SC will need to begin discussing it soon, **perhaps at the next meeting**.

The Chair explained he wanted to help streamline meetings. After putting a motion on the floor, the Chair will ask for comments/questions about a proposal, after which he will ask for comments for and against a proposal. There being no objections from SC members, the Chair said he would start that practice during the meeting.

2. Old Business

a. Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Disciplinary Action

The Chair asked Watt, chair of the ad hoc Committee on Faculty Disciplinary Action, for an update. Watt thanked the Chair for his assistance with a timeline for the Committee's work, with which the President's office agreed. Watt explained that the report would hopefully be completed by May 1. The Committee will meet later in the week and again a couple of weeks later to review the report draft, which is about 25 pages long. The intent is to bring the report to SC for review, suggestions, comments, and edits.

The Chair added that while the first report will be presented to the SC, the SC could invite the President to attend and share his thoughts, too. The Chair referred to *Senate Rules 1.2.3* and said the issue could be categorized as a major policy document, which would require a first reading (discussion only) and second reading (discussion and vote) in the Senate. Between the times of the first and second readings, the Office of the Senate Council will collate amendments, suggestions, and comments. He added that his

intent was to have the report on the March agenda for the Senate for a first reading, with a second reading in April.

### 3. Diploma Content for Joint University of Kentucky-University of Louisville Executive MBA

The Chair stated that the Senate was responsible for the informational content of diplomas. Although there might be ideas about font and design and color, there was nothing binding about the SC's opinion of format.

The Chair invited two guests, Gatton College of Business and Economics Dean David Blackwell and Steve Skinner (BE/Marketing and Supply Chain), to offer some background for the agenda item, which they did. There were a couple questions.

Porter **moved** to approve the informational content of the diploma for the Joint University of Kentucky-University of Louisville Executive MBA and Mazur **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### 4. Nonstandard Calendars for MAP Courses

The Chair explained that the programs associated with the MAP courses in question (MAP 671, MAP 672, MAP 673, MAP 674, MAP 675, MAP 695, MAP 698, MAP 699, MAP 701, and MAP 719) were not yet approved, but were directly related to the next two agenda items. Guests Matthew Zook (AS/Geography) and Richard Schein (AS/Geography, department chair) explained the request for nonstandard calendars for the MAP courses.

Christ **moved** to approve the requested nonstandard calendars for MAP 671, MAP 672, MAP 673, MAP 674, MAP 675, MAP 695, MAP 698, MAP 699, MAP 701, and MAP 719, contingent upon approval of the associated graduate certificate and MS degree. Bailey **seconded**. There were a few comments from SC members. Zook and Schein said that the dates and deadlines listed in the proposal were largely the result of work with the Registrar's office and the Registrar's recommendations.

There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### 5. Committee Reports

#### a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Margaret Schroeder, Chair

##### i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Digital Mapping

The Chair asked Margaret Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), to explain the proposal. Guest Schroeder did so and commented that both the graduate certificate and master's of science degree were the result of a university technology grant. Grossman suggested that the faculty of record section change from a list of faculty (which would need to be formally maintained) to simply noting that the graduate faculty of the department would form the faculty of record. Both Zook and Schein agreed to change the proposal thusly.

The Chair said recommendation from the SAPC was that the Senate **move** to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Digital Mapping in the Department of Geography within the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were a few additional comments from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### ii. Proposed New Masters of Science in Digital Mapping

Schroeder explained the proposal for SC members. In response to her, Zook and Schein agreed that they would amend the section on faculty of record to mimic the change to the graduate certificate (above). The Chair said that the SAPC recommended that the Senate **move** to approve the establishment of a new Master of Science in Digital Mapping in the Department of Geography within the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were no comments from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed New University Scholars Program: BS Agricultural Biotechnology and MS Medical Sciences

Schroeder explained the proposal. Guests Bob Houtz (AG/Horticulture) and Joe Springer (HS/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) answered questions from SC members. The Chair said that the SAPC recommended the Senate **move** to approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program in Agriculture Biotechnology and Master of Science Medical Sciences (ABT-MSMS) within the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, and the College of Medicine. There were a few questions from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iv. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Research in Human Health Sciences

Schroeder explained the proposal. Guest Gilson Capilouto (HS/Rehabilitation Science) answered questions from SC members. The Chair said that the SAPC recommended the Senate **move** to approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Research in Human Health Sciences in the College of Health Sciences. There were a few questions from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. Proposed New MS in Applied Behavior Analysis

Schroeder explained the proposal. Guest Alan Allday (ED/Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling) answered questions from SC members. He confirmed that earning the degree would be sufficient for students to be employed in fields in which they do not need licensure to be successful.

The Chair said that the SAPC recommended the Senate **move** to approve the establishment of a new MS in Applied Behavior Analysis in the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling within the College of Education. There were a few questions from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

vi. Proposed New PhD in Plant Pathology dual degree with Brazil's Universidade Federal de Vicosa

Schroeder explained the proposal and said there were two memoranda of understanding in the proposal, one from UK and one from Brazil's Universidade Federal de Vicosa. In addition, there was a residency requirement in place for both sets of students. Guests Lisa Vaillancourt (AG/Plant Pathology) and Associate Provost for Internationalization Susan Carvalho (also interim dean of the Graduate School) answered questions from SC. Carvalho explained that students would earn two separate PhDs in Plant Pathology, one from each university. If approved, this would be UK's first international dual degree. There were a number of questions from SC members.

Mazur asked for clarification of the difference in TOEFL numbers listed on two separate pages. Carvalho confirmed that the number should be 79 in both places. There was further discussion. Towards the end of the discussion, Brown asked if there was any requirement that students be given any notice if the collaboration comes to an end. Carvalho thanked Brown for his suggestion and said she would work with Legal Counsel and others to develop a teach-out agreement for both institutions.

When there were no further questions, the Chair said that the SAPC recommended the Senate **move** to approve the establishment of a new Dual Degree Program with Universidade Federal de Vicosa (Plant Pathology) in the Department of Plant Pathology within the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair asked that a revised proposal be sent in, with the correct TOEFL score.

#### 6. Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Teacher-Course Evaluations - Jonathan Golding, Chair

The Chair explained that some work had been done since the last discussion. There were a few revisions, as shown in track changes, though they were not major. The edits did, however, allow some faculty from the College of Medicine (ME) to feel more comfortable with mandatory use of the forms. The Chair said that ME would like an exemption from the form for some of its courses, although it could be said any college would want some type of exemption. ME was interested in exemptions from clinical courses. The Chair invited Guest Jonathan Golding (AS/Psychology), chair of the ad hoc Committee on Teacher-Course Evaluations, to talk with SC members about the report.

Golding said there had been someone from ME on the Committee, but they did not participate. He added that the Committee developed a common core of questions to be asked by everyone, but the Committee's report also assumes that individual questions can be added by anyone. It was then-Provost Christine Riordan who requested a universal questionnaire. Golding added that when researching practices elsewhere, there was not such segregation of individual instruments gauging the information in one university. Golding, Guest Ben Withers (associate provost for undergraduate education), and SC members discussed the report. The SC members involved in the discussion asked a number of questions but were largely receptive to the report. There were also a number of comments regarding the need for incentives to encourage online submission of teacher-course evaluations. The Chair thanked Golding and asked him for a revised report, to update a clerical error noted during discussion.

The Chair reminded SC members that the report was scheduled to go to the Senate the following Monday for discussion only (first reading). The Chair also thanked the SC members who contacted him in advance about concerns or questions regarding agenda items. He said the input had really made a big difference.

#### 7. Tentative Senate Agenda for February 9, 2015

There were a few comments and questions about the tentative agenda. Grossman **moved** that the SC approve the tentative Senate agenda for February 9, 2015 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules. Mazur **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

There being no further business to attend to, Grossman **moved** to adjourn and Oberst **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Brown, Christ, Grossman, Hippisley, Kraemer, Mazur, Oberst, Osorio, Porter, and Watt.

Invited guests present: Allan Allday, David Blackwell, Gilson Capilouto, Susan Carvalho, Bob Houtz, Richard Schein, Margaret Schroeder, Kate Seago, Steve Skinner, Joe Springer, Lisa Vaillancourt, and Matthew Zook.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.