

Senate Council
February 21, 2011

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 21, 2011 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Minutes from February 7 and Announcements

The Chair reported on absences, and offered a variety of announcements. She began by telling SC members about her recent trip to the University of Louisville (UofL), as part of the joint staff-faculty employee ombud committee. After brief discussion, SC members decided to invite the UofL employee ombud to a SC meeting after UK's joint ombud committee visits the University of Cincinnati [AI].

After attending the recent meeting of the University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (UCAPP), the Chair explained that there was a discussion about the monies needed for salary increases. The Chair said that she crunched some numbers and ran them by Provost's Liaison Greissman. The Chair said that a 1% across-the-board raise (valued at approximately \$3.5 million) could equate to a 2.5% tuition increase.

The Chair met with Provost Subbaswamy recently; their discussion flowed into Vice Chair Anderson's announcement about a document handling system and other ways to improve course and program approval processes. The Chair said that she asked for an additional person to help out in the Office of the Senate Council, and offered him details. There was still a question about whether adding another person will assist with efficiency. The Provost said he would discuss it with a few people and get back with the Chair prior to March 1. The Chair added that she asked Grossman, Steiner and Anderson to serve as sounding boards for any issues that may arise.

The Chair will email substantive change information to SC members and senators. There were no objections to having the title series histories posted. SC members agreed that it would be helpful for Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Mike Mullen to offer a "State of Undergraduate Education" address to the Senate, perhaps in conjunction with Provost Subbaswamy's "State of Academic Affairs" address in May [AI].

The SC discussed the question of need for a Senate committee on assessment. Yanarella **moved** that the SC create a standing Senate committee on assessment, and Wermeling **seconded**. There was extensive discussion. After some time, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. It was decided that the charge for the standing assessment committee needed to be developed prior to taking the motion to the full Senate.

The Chair shared information about an AAUP (American Association of University Professors) in Berea. She also solicited topics of conversation from SC members, in regards to her scheduled call with Board of Trustees Chair Britt Brockman. There were no specific topics offered, but it did lead to a general SC discussion about the presidential search process.

Grossman **moved** and Yanarella **seconded** approval of the SC minutes from February 7. There being no objection, the motion was **approved**.

2. Old Business

a. Action Items

SC members noted that the following Action Items could be removed from the list, as either having been completed or are now moot.

- Action Item number 17 (“Create web-based mechanism for faculty to offer input into the President’s annual evaluation; evaluation process will occur during April.”)
- Action Item number 55 (“Collate and distribute SC members' responses to the Provost's response on cost-savings/revenue-generating ideas.”)
- Action Item number 58 (“Post SAFC's report online; invite SAFC chair Rawls to offer the report during the April Senate meeting; query the Provost on how the SAFC's input was used.”)
- Action Item number 61 (“Email "faculty title series" information to SC members.”)

b. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3.3.A ("Senate Council Chair")

A handful of SC members engaged in a very brief discussion about the proposed changes. After a few minutes, the Chair commented that one invited guest would need to depart soon, and suggested the agenda be rearranged, and the discussion on electing a SC chair could continue later in the meeting. There were no objections.

3. Discussion on Distance Learning Courses - College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mark Kornbluh and Professor Ruth Beattie

The Chair thanked College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mark Kornbluh and Professor Ruth Beattie for attending. Dean Kornbluh offered some broad and some detailed information about how the College of Arts and Sciences was using distance learning (DL). There was a lively discussion among guests (Professor Katherine McCormick, Education and Professor Raphael Finkel, Engineering) and SC members about various issues surrounding DL delivery of courses.

As the discussion began, Wermeling voiced support for a “how to” model for faculty interested in developing DL courses, to avoid recreating the DL wheel. Dean Kornbluh also explained that UK’s accrediting body required approval of the course as well as the delivery mechanism (distance learning), which is why requests for DL delivery for existing courses have to be separately approved. There was also discussion about the pros and cons of DL delivery, as well as some best practices. Dean Kornbluh commented that the College of Arts and Sciences, due to its large size, had a bit of an advantage over smaller units, particularly in terms of internal, dedicated IT support and enrollment numbers.

SC members decided that a next, logical step would be to invite Associate Provost for Academic Administration Jeannine Blackwell to a SC meeting, as the SC wished to learn more about DL courses **[AI]**.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Dan Wermeling, Chair

i. Proposed New PhD in Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences

Wermeling, chair of the SAPC, explained the proposal. Professor Mark Coyne also answered some questions from SC members.

ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Pharmaceutical Science

Wermeling offered information about the proposed new graduate certificate, and also answered questions, as the contact person.

Wermeling brought forward the motion from the SAPC to approve the proposed new PhD in Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective fall 2011. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Wermeling then brought forward the motion from the SAPC to approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Pharmaceutical Science and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective fall 2011. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Nominees for Area Committees and Others

SC members discussed the nominees for the academic area advisory committees, as well as the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure, the Senate Hearing Panel (Privilege & Tenure), the Senate Advisory Committee on Faculty Code, the University Appeals Board, the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees and the Research Conflict of Interest Committee.

The Chair had a phone appointment at 5 pm, so she handed over the duties of the Chair to Vice Chair Anderson, who presided for the remainder of the meeting.

7. Discussion on Proposed Governing Regulation X.B.2.d.vii ("Entrepreneurial Leaves of Absence")

SC members discussed the proposed changes, particularly the potential two-year limit and how that would be interpreted/implemented in reality. Guest Audra Stinchcomb (Professor, College of Pharmacy) also participated. The discussion will continue during the subsequent SC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned about 5:15 pm. [The Action Items are a part of the minutes, but fall at the end.]

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

In attendance: Anderson, Blonder, Grossman, Nokes, Peek, Randall, Steiner, Swanson, Wasilkowski, Wermeling and Yanarella.

Guests: Ruth Beattie, Mark Coyne, Raphael Finkel, Larry Grabau, Mark Kornbluh, Katherine McCormick, and Audra Stinchcomb.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on March 4, 2011.

#	√	Item	Responsibility	Completed
5.		SC subset to examine and revise the description of the administrative coordinator's job duties with a view towards increasing compensation. (7/14/10)	Grossman, Chair	
20.		Charge Senate's Academic Programs Committee with creating processes for substantive change issues (teach-out, contractual/consortium process, off-campus sites, how to reopen a suspended program). (8/23/10)	SC	
24.		Review Senate meeting attendance policies. (8/30/10)	SC	

26.		Query VP IRPE Connie Ray about number of administrators at UK vs. benchmark institutions. (9/20/10)	Mrs. Brothers	
31.		Ask the Provost to submit a statement of financial and administrative feasibility for proposals prior to the proposals being sent to cmte. (10/4/10)	Greissman/SC	
36.		Send solicitation for Commencement Cmte Co-Chair to college associate deans. (10/18/10)	Mrs. Brothers	
40.		Draft changes to <i>Senate Rule</i> language on Senate meeting attendance policies for review by SC. (8/30/10 & 11/15/10)	Chair, Steiner	
42.		Discuss with the Provost the method of allocating resources from distance learning courses. (11/15/10)	Chair	
44.		Create ad hoc committee (perhaps with VPR and Provost) to look at what constitutes an administrative or an educational unit, and if there is a continuum or a sharp difference. (11/22/10; 12/6/10)	Chair, SC	
46.		Discuss election of officers, specifically who is eligible to cast votes. (12/6/10); Solicit opinions from the Senate. (2/28/11)	SC	
48.		Create a charge for a committee to review DL courses. (12/6/10)	Chair, SC	
50.	√	Ask Provost on 2/28/11 if there is a metric of square feet/funding used to determine how research space is allocated. (1/10/2011)	SC	02/2011
53.		Investigate "Quality Matters" WRT distance learning courses. (1/10/11)	SC	
56.	√	Ask Provost how the funding from the bought-out tenure will be used on February 28. (1/24/11)	SC	02/2011
57.		Look into creating a Senate committee on assessment. (1/31/11)	SC	
59.		Invite Board of Trustees members and chair to April "State of Faculty Affairs" address. (1/31/11)	Mrs. Brothers / Chair	
60.		Deliberate during summer retreat(s) on what the SC's strategic vision is for academic facilities. (1/31/11)	SC	
62.		Determine how to address the issue of the proportionate representation of appointed Board of Trustees members. (2/7/11)	SC	
63.		Invite UofL employment ombud to SC meeting after joint ombud cmte visits the University of Cincinnati. (2/21/11)	Mrs. Brothers	
63.	√	Email "substantive change" information to SC and Senate. (2/21/11)	Chair	02/2011
64.	√	Post "faculty title series" information. (2/21/11)	Mrs. Brothers	02/2011
65.		Invite Associate Provost for Undergrad Ed to offer "State of Undergraduate Education" address to Senate. (2/21/11)		
66.		Invite Associate Provost for Academic Affairs about distance learning courses. (2/21/2011)	Mrs. Brothers	