

Senate Council  
February 22, 2010

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 22, 2010 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a voice vote unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Dave Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements

There were no minutes ready for review. The Chair noted that Kelly was absent, and Swanson would leave early. He shared that when it came time for the discussion on agendas, around 4 pm, he would turn over the duties of the chair to Vice Chair Swanson.

Anderson requested that agenda item number four be moved forward so that it could be addressed prior to agenda item number three. She said she would feel more comfortable talking about the Advising Network's calendar proposal after having heard about the Student Government Association's calendar proposal. There were no objections from SC members.

The Chair noted that there were some additional nominees received for the University Appeals Board, and SC members approved sending those names forward, also.

Provost's Liaison Greissman shared information with SC members about proposed changes to the portion of the Student Code of Conduct that pertained to non-academic behavior. He explained some of the proposed changes, and also spoke about a proposed vetting timeline.

2. Continued Discussion – Athletics Program and UK Finances

SC members engaged in a wide-ranging discussion about the information received during the February 1 meeting with Frank Butler and Angie Martin.

After some time, Yanarella **moved** that the SC Chair put together a small committee from the SC to meet with the chair of the Staff Senate to attempt to work out a resolution that may be jointly brought before both the University Senate and Staff Senate regarding the Athletic Association's budget and its responsibilities toward the University. Chappell **seconded**. Swanson **offered a friendly amendment** suggesting that students be included in the small committee, and Yanarella and Chappell **accepted**. There was additional discussion.

A **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the SC Chair put together a small committee from the SC to meet with the chair of the Staff Senate and a representative from the Student Government Association to attempt to work out a resolution that may be brought before the University Senate, Staff Senate and Student Government Association regarding the Athletic Association's budget and its responsibilities toward the University. The motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Student Government Association Calendar Proposal

Kirk explained the calendar proposal from the Student Government Association.

Due to scheduling issues, discussion moved promptly to agenda number three upon the arrival of guests invited for that item.

Those present introduced themselves.

### 3. Advising Network Calendar Proposal

Chappell offered an overview of the changes to the academic calendar proposed by the Advising Network. There was discussion amongst all those present with respect to the proposed changes. One issue that arose was that of the date by which final grades are due – it seems there is a misperception that final grades are due to the Registrar by the Monday after finals, but that is not correct. Grades are due within 72 hours after an exam is administered.

SC members engaged in a discussion of a variety of aspects of the proposal, including ramifications for the summer terms.

### 5. Senate Concern – Senate Agendas

The Chair directed Vice Chair Swanson to preside over the explanation of the agenda item, as well as any subsequent discussion.

Senator (and Guest) Alan Nadel expressed concern regarding his perception that the Senate agendas set by the SC did not conform to Robert's Rules of Order. He shared his thoughts and a discussion followed, which included input from many SC members, the Senate's parliamentarian and the chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee.

After some time, Vice Chair Swanson asked that a motion be moved to help frame discussion. Chappell **moved** that the SC deliberate about the implementation of Robert's Rules of Order and Steiner **seconded**. Discussion continued, and touched on a variety of topics, including enfranchising faculty and quorum issues.

There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. Vice Chair Swanson turned chairship responsibilities back to Chair Randall.

Discussion returned to the issue of the Advising Network's calendar proposal.

Chappell **moved** that the SC receive the revised Advising Network's calendar proposal and that it be deferred to an ad hoc committee to re-vet with the campus, and that the ad hoc committee report back to the SC on the revised version. Steiner **seconded**. There was discussion on the motion.

Aside from the merits of the proposal itself, there were concerns that the calendar proposal did not include a reading period. Jensen **amended the motion** so that the ad hoc committee would also consider incorporating a reading period into the Advising Network's proposal, and Grossman **seconded**. There was discussion on the amendment.

A **vote** was taken on the **amendment**, and the amendment **failed**, with a majority against.

After additional brief discussion, a **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the SC receive the revised Advising Network's calendar proposal and that it be deferred to an ad hoc committee to re-vet with the campus, and that the ad hoc committee report back to the SC on the revised version. The motion **passed** with a majority in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Randall,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Chappell, Grossman, Jensen, Kirk, Nokes, Randall, Swanson, Thelin, Steiner, Smith and Yanarella.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Erica Caton, Matthew Deffendall, Davy Jones, Mike Mullen, Alan Nadel, Catherine Seago, Vickie Schankula and Susan Skees.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on March 19, 2010.