Senate Council
February 24, 2014

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 24, 2014 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 Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from February 17, 2014 and Announcements
The Chair reported that no corrections were received for the minutes from February 17. There being no objections, the minutes from February 17 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. There was one announcement – the Chair reminded SC members about the informal chat with President Eli Capilouto the following day, at 10:30 am.

The Chair suggested rearranging the agenda to accommodate an invited guest's schedule. There were no objections, so the Chair moved to the pertinent proposal.

3. Committee Reports
a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Andrew Hippisley, Chair
i. Proposed New JD/MHA Dual Degree Program
Hippisley, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal for a new JC/MHA dual degree program. There were a couple of questions that Guest Julia Costich (PbH/Health Management and Policy) explained satisfactorily.

Harling **moved** that the SC recommend to the University Senate that it approved the establishment of a new dual degree program between the Juris Doctor's degree, within the College of Law, and the Master's in Health Administration degree, within the College of Public Health. Anderson **seconded**. There being no additional questions or discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business
a. Proposed New BA/BS Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies
The Chair invited guests Roxanne Mountford (AS/English) and Ruth Beattie (AS/Biology, Associate Dean for Academic Advising) to explain the changes to the proposal since the SC last saw it. Mountford went over a handful of identified revisions, including an erroneous implication that ENG 205 is cross-listed with WRD 205. She said she would send in a final version, with the ENG 205/WRD 205 issue corrected.

Harling **moved** a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BA/BS program: Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, within the College of Arts & Sciences. McCamy **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair commented that the invited guest for the proposed new department could not arrive until 4:30 or thereabouts. After brief discussion among those present, including Guest Greg Wasilkowski, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), it was agreed that the item would be presented and discussed until there were questions that would need to wait for the guest's arrival.

b. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Greg Wasilkowski, Chair
i. Proposed New Department of Urology
Wasilkowski explained the proposal for a new Department of Urology. He clarified that his description of the Department of Surgery vote on the proposal included 36 faculty who did not send in a vote; they had not abstained as was listed in his summary presentation to SC members. Watt offered some background information from his perspective on national trends in surgery departments. There was very brief discussion about possible rationales for the votes in opposition to the proposed new department. Wasilkowski responded that his perception was that the negative votes reflected uncertainty about future

uncertainties regarding administrative responsibilities, not an opposition to the proposed structural change itself.

McCormick **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it endorse the establishment of the Department of Urology in the College of Medicine. Pienkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

The Chair explained that the agenda item on joint conferral should wait until the arrival of an invited guest. There were no objections to moving to agenda item number eight.

8. Preliminary Discussion on Faculty Evaluation of President Capilouto
The Chair led SC members in a discussion of whether or not to survey faculty campuswide, as was done last year, via a REDCAP survey to evaluate President Eli Capilouto's performance. After discussion tapered off, Watt **moved** that the SC: conduct the survey as it did last year [spring 2013]; share with President Capilouto in advance the questions in the survey for his review; and offer him the opportunity to add a question(s) if he so desires, with the understanding that SC will ultimately determine all questions that make up the survey. Day **seconded**. After additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. University of Kentucky-University of Louisville Joint Conferral of Executive MBA Degree (One Diploma for Graduates)
Guest Davy Jones, who also happens to chair the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee, explained the proposal to SC members. He emphasized that the program itself had already been approved by the Senate via the 10-day web transmittal process, so the next logical step is to approve the idea of one diploma jointly awarded to students. The Senate will recommend to UK's Board of Trustees that such a joint conferral is appropriate and the expectation is that both UK's and the University of Louisville's Board of Trustees will approve the joint conferral. The actual language to appear on the diploma will come to the Senate at a later date.

SC members, Jones and Guest Steve Skinner (BE/chair, Marketing and Supply Chain) engaged in a discussion about the intent of the motion, as well as possibilities for future opportunities. Anderson **moved** that the SC recommend that the Senate recommend to the Board of Trustees that it approve an institutional agreement with the University of Louisville for joint conferral of the Executive MBA. Harling **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Area and Advisory Committees
SC members engaged in a lengthy discussion to identify scores of faculty nominees to serve on a variety of area and advisory committees. At the end of the discussion, Anderson **moved** to approve the nominees named during the day's meeting and Christ **seconded**. There being no objection, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Nominees for College of Medicine Periodic Program Review
SC members identified six faculty from diverse backgrounds for the College of Medicine Periodic Program Review.

7. Nominees for College Nursing Periodic Program Review
SC members identified 10 faculty from diverse backgrounds for the College of Nursing Periodic Program Review.

There being no further business to attend to, Debski **moved** to adjourn and Hippisley **seconded**. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brown, Day, Debski, Harling, Hippisley, McCamy, Pienkowski, Watt, Wilson and Wood.

Invited guests present: Ruth Beattie, Julia Costich, Davy Jones, Roxanne Mountford and Greg Wasilkowski.