

Senate Council
February 25, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 25, 2013 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 3:04 pm.

1. Minutes from February 18, 2013 and Announcements

The SC Chair reported that no corrections were received for the minutes. Therefore, the minutes from February 18, 2013 were **approved** as distributed due to **unanimous consent**.

There were a few announcements.

- The change to the academic calendar the SC approved January 28, 2013 is for the 2012-13 calendar. (The change was incorrectly described as part of the 2013-14 calendar.)
- Interim Provost Tim Tracy is putting together a workgroup to look at the possibility of collaborating with Coursera. Faculty Trustee John Wilson and a few other faculty are included in the workgroup.
- Thursday, June 13 has been confirmed as the date for the SC's summer retreat.
- Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness Heidi Anderson has accepted a position at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia PA. She will serve as their provost and vice president for academic affairs.

2. Old Business

a. Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations 5:4 ("Enrollment of Residents and Clinical Fellows")

The Chair reminded SC members that the discussion began last week but was postponed so that Susan McDowell (Medicine/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, associate dean for graduate medical education) could attend and assist in answering questions. Guest McDowell explained the rationale behind the changes and answered questions from SC members. SC members agreed that the addition of language to Section VII.C.14 and 15 would be helpful. ("Leave shall be taken in accordance with accrediting body and specialty board requirements, and all applicable educational and department policies.") There were a few additional suggestions.

- The information on who the regulation affects would be easier to understand if the regulation lists who is affected as well as who is not affected, rather than the current listing of who is not affected by the regulation.
- Although "house staff" and "house officer" are used interchangeably, it would be better to stick to either the plural or the singular, not use both.
- All references to "academic department" should be changed to "educational unit."

- The list of applicable rules and regulations in Section VI should also include the University Senate Rules.

Brion **moved** to table the proposal until revisions are made and it can return to the SC. Wood **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee - Raphael Finkel, Chair

i. Proposed Change to University Scholars Program (exempt from submitting GRE/GMAT scores)

Guest Raphael Finkel, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal. Some SC members were concerned that a decrease in the number of programs requiring the GRE score will negatively affect data comparisons based on the GRE score, as well as prevent some graduate students from being able to apply for Graduate School grants. Other SC members thought the changes would not be problematic and would help the University Scholars Program grow. After additional discussion, Wasilkowski **moved** to send the proposed change to the University Scholars Program (exempt from submitting GRE/GMAT scores) to the University Senate (Senate) with a positive recommendation. Brion **seconded**. After brief additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with a majority in favor and three opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Andrew Hippisley, Chair

i. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Power and Energy

Hippisley, chair of the SAPC, explained the proposal. Guest Larry Holloway (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering) answered questions from SC members. Brion was concerned that the proposed new certificate did not offer sufficient breadth of content. A few other issues were raised, but one item stood out – SC members thought the proposal needed to include learning outcomes. Guest Ben Withers (associate provost for undergraduate education) opined that it was not fair to departments to ask them at the level of SC review to add things to a proposal – such requirements should be clearly outlined from the very beginning of the creation process. Some SC members agreed. SC members also discussed the requirements for undergraduate certificates, as well as what exactly is required in a proposal for a new undergraduate certificate. Discussion continued.

When there were no further comments, the Chair solicited a motion. Grossman **moved** to send the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Power and Energy to the Senate with a positive recommendation to the Senate. Wasilkowski **seconded**. Anderson **offered an amendment** that learning outcomes be added to the proposal prior to Senate review. Wood **seconded** the amendment.

A **vote** was taken on the amendment and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Power and Energy be sent to the Senate with a positive recommendation after learning outcomes are incorporated. The motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Voice Majors

Hippisley explained the proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Voice Majors. There was a request that the description of courses be clarified so that it was more obvious that a student chose one course from the list. Guest Nancy Jones (FA/Theatre, department chair) agreed to change the language.

Wood **moved** to send the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Voice Majors to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

There were a few comments about a form for undergraduate certificates.

iii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Theatre Majors

Hippisley explained the proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Theater Majors. The same request about clarifying how many courses need to be taken was made; Jones agreed to send in revised proposals.

Wasilkowski **moved** to send the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Theatre Majors to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Brion **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman **moved** that the SC ask the Undergraduate Council to use either of the musical theatre proposals as the basis for a form to post online. Brion **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Nominations for Senate's Advisory Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance

SC members discussed the proposed nominees for the Senate's Advisory Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SACDAC). One name was added. Wasilkowski **moved** to approve the list of nominees for SACDAC with the one addition. Anderson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Post-Doctoral Scholars and Fellows & University Housing

SC members discussed a letter sent to post-doctoral scholars and fellows and advanced graduate students regarding the need for them to vacate University housing in June 2013. Interim Provost Tim Tracy and Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services Bed Crutcher were in attendance and answered a variety of questions from SC members. There was extensive discussion. Provost Tracy agreed to have two SC members (Debski and Watt) become members of a committee that is reviewing the various considerations involved when students are asked to leave University housing.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Debski, Grossman, Hippisley, Pienkowski, Swanson, Wasilkowski, Watt, Wood and Wright.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Ben Crutcher, Marcy Deaton, Raphael Finkel, Larry Holloway, Davy Jones, Nancy Jones, Tim Tracy, Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, March 1, 2013.