

Senate Council
February 6, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 6, 2012 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 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from January 30 and Announcements

The Chair offered an update on the faculty committee that will review post-tenure review policies, etc. She referred to it by its new, official name, the Faculty Committee on Review, Rewards and Retention.

Wasilkowski offered a brief update on the committee work to find a new dean of the College of Engineering.

The Chair reported that she approved the inclusion of a PhD student in Psychology onto UK's December 2011 degree list.

Wasilkowski **moved** and Brion **seconded** the approval of the SC minutes from January 30, 2012. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

b. (Revised) Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.4.4.2 ("Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT)")

Guest Davy Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee, explained that the language the SC edited the previous week needed a small tweak, so that the language in the *Senate Rules 1.4.4.2* was exactly the same as in the relevant *Administrative Regulation*.

The petitioner must submit to the chair of the SACPT a letter ~~initiating the of intent to~~ appeal within 60 days, and the appeal and supporting documentation within 75 days, after written notification by the dean of a final decision of nonrenewal, terminal reappointment or disapproval of promotion and/or tenure.

The SACPT may extend the 75-day deadline by majority vote.

Grossman **moved** to change the language in *Senate Rules 1.4.4.2*:

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The SACPT may extend the 75-day deadline by majority vote.

Wasilkowski **seconded**. Wood offered a **friendly amendment** to recommend that the University Senate approve the changes to the language in *Senate Rules 1.4.4.2* and Grossman and Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) - Davy Jones, Chair

i. Proposed Revisions to Senate Rules 3.3.2 ("Procedures Governing Creation, Consolidation, Transfer, Discontinuation, or Significant Reduction of an Academic Program or Educational Unit")

Jones explained that Section 3 of the *Senate Rules (SR)* had not been updated since the major revisions made to the *Governing Regulations* in 2005.

There was no discussion about the substance of the changes, since Jones made it clear that the changes in the *SR* were intended to codify existing practices and policies. After brief discussion about the vetting process, it was determined that the SC will look at the changes in more depth at the next meeting. The changes are not of sufficient stature to warrant two readings in the Senate, but senators will be informed of the proposed changes during the February Senate meeting.

Grossman **moved** that the SC table discussion on the proposed changes until February 20 and Anderson **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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

ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Global Scholarship Studies

Guest Andrew Hippisley, chair of the SAPC, offered an overview of the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Global Studies.

Hippisley presented the **motion** from the SAPC, to send the proposal for a new Undergraduate Certificate in Global Studies to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Mrs. Brothers explained that the correct title of the certificate was indeed "Global Studies" and not "Global Scholarship." Guest Susan Carvalho (Associate Provost for International Programs) offered additional information about the certificate. She emphasized that the proposal was innovative and was specifically designed to allow for the participation of students from different socio-economic levels, as well for participation of students in majors (particularly in engineering and education) that have a lock-step advancement towards a degree.

There was extensive discussion on a variety of aspects of the proposal. Below are the primary concerns of SC members:

- The undergraduate certificate needs to clearly define the home academic unit for the certificate. A certificate program cannot reside in an administrative office.
- The undergraduate certificate needs to clearly define the faculty of record for the certificate. If there is no faculty of record, there will be no way to change the certificate requirements.
- The foreign language requirement is insufficient for a certificate on global studies.
- If the faculty of record is a faculty advisory committee comprised of college faculty members for the International Advisory Council, there needs to be an explicit description of how faculty are added or removed (active participation in the council, etc.) from the certificate's advisory committee.
- The proposal needs to clarify the issue of minimum of three credits at the 300-level or above. \

- The question of whether or not study abroad in Puerto Rico “counts” towards certificate requirements needs to be clear.
- The co-curricular component and associated writing assignment may not be as robust as it should be, particularly the lack of faculty review of the writing assignment.
- Something as short as a two-week study abroad experience may not be sufficiently robust to count towards the certificate.

After discussion wound down, Wood **moved** that the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Global Studies be returned to faculty in order that they can identify an educational unit to serve as the home educational unit; also a process to identify the process by which the program faculty for the certificate will be identified. Grossman **seconded**. Debski **offered a friendly amendment** that the faculty also review the additional comments offered about the certificate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

i. Proposed New University Scholars Program for a BS to MS in Civil Engineering

Hippisley explained the proposed new University Scholars Program for a BS to MS in Civil Engineering. He presented the motion from the SAPC, to send the proposal for a new University Scholars Program for a BS to MS in Civil Engineering to the Senate with a positive recommendation. SC members asked a few questions, which Guest Kamyar Mahboub answered satisfactorily.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Proposed 2012 Honorary Degree Recipients - Dean Blackwell, Chair, University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees

Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School and chair of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees, presented the two candidates for May conferral of their respective honorary degrees.

SC accepted the motion from the UJCHD that the elected faculty senators approve the honorary degree candidates (honorary doctorate in engineering and honorary doctorate in science) for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended honorary degrees to be conferred by the Board. Anderson seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

Blackwell offered further information about additional honorary degree nominees, to be conferred in the December 2012 commencement. There was brief discussion about whether or not the number of honorary degrees was allowed per calendar year, or per academic year. SC suggested that the SREC be asked to weigh in on the matter.

6. Tentative Senate Agenda for February 13, 2012

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda for February 13 at length. There were comments about the number of agenda items, as well as the length of presentations. SC members noted that two items (Proposed Revisions to Senate Rules 3.3.2.1 and the Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Global Studies) needed to be removed.

Wood **moved** and Grossman **seconded** that the SC approve the tentative Senate agenda for February 13, 2012 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Brion, Coyne, Debski, Grossman, Swanson, Wasilkowski and Wood.

Provost's liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Lee Blonder, Susan Carvalho, Kamyar Mahboub and Mike Mullen.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, February 17, 2012.