

Senate Council
January 12, 2009

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, January 12, 2009 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair David Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:03 pm. He introduced two of the three new SC members, Shelley Steiner and Tom Kelly. He asked all those present to introduce himself or herself, state their affiliation and include one unknown yet fascinating fact about themselves, which all those present did.

The Chair announced that both Piascik and Tagavi would be absent.

1. Minutes from November 24 and Announcements

The Chair solicited a motion for approval of the minutes from the SC meeting on November 24. Yanarella **moved thusly** and Aken **seconded**. There was no discussion when a **vote** was taken, the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair explained that at a recent meeting, a SC member had asked about why the Winter Intersession was not included in the list of academic calendars. Mrs. Brothers reported that the SC had approved the Winter Intersession (WI) calendars for 2007-2008, for 2008-2009, and for 2009-2010 at the March 26, 2007 SC meeting. As a part of the motion, the SC requested that the courses involved in the WI be included in the Provost's learning outcomes assessment and that such data will be provided to the SC prior to approval of future WI.

The SC determined that the Senate representative to the Web Advisory Committee could continue in that position, even though her service on the University Senate (Senate) had ended.

2. Confirmation of New Chair for Senate's Rules and Elections Committee

The Chair explained that Davy Jones had indicated a willingness to serve as the chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC). Ford **moved** to approve the confirmation of Davy Jones as chair of the SREC and Anderson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. December 2008 List of BCTC Candidates for Credentials

Wood **moved** to approve the December 2008 list of BCTC Candidates for Credentials, and Chappell **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure Vacancies

The Chair asked Mrs. Brothers to explain the item. Mrs. Brothers said that there were two vacancies on the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT) and

asked for suggestions from SC members. She also asked for direction as to how to solicit names for vacancies in the future.

SC members offered a handful of suggestions for the SACPT vacancies, and suggested that future solicitations could be sent to senators and faculty councils.

5. Curricular Teams

The Chair explained the three handouts to SC members: the proposed compositions created by the small group of Aken, Randall and Tagavi (assisted by Mrs. Brothers) using the list of nominations received; the list of nominations received, including the faculty member's name, affiliation and how the nomination was received (from senator, faculty member, etc.); and the Provost's picks for membership of the ten curricular teams.

The Chair added that the small group tried to adhere to a one-third/one-third/one-third process – one-third of the curricular teams would be the Provost's choices, one-third would be the SC's choices, and one-third would be names agreed upon jointly between the SC and Provost. The Chair reiterated that the proposed compositions had been created to catalyze a robust SC discussion – the SC was not expected to approve them as described, but rather use the proposed compositions as a starting point.

SC members spent a considerable amount of time going over the received nominations and ultimately agreed upon a final list of compositions. Wood asked Mrs. Brothers to distribute the list via email to SC members prior to formally submitting it to the Provost.

When the compositions were completed and agreed upon, the SC then turned to the wording of the charge letter for the curricular teams, as well as naming possible curricular team conveners.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David Randall,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Aken, Anderson, Chappell, Ford, Kelly, Randall, Steiner, Swanson, Wood, and Yanarella.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Susan Carvalho, Joe Quinn and Marsha Watson.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, January 23, 2009.