

Senate Council  
January 14, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, January 14, 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 3:03 pm.

1. Minutes from December 3 and December 17 and Announcements

The Chair said that the minutes from the SC meetings on December 3 and December 17, 2013 had been distributed. There being no changes to the minutes, the minutes were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

Due to the attendance of new SC members, the Chair suggested introductions for those present. She thanked Vice Chair Grossman for handling her duties when she was out sick during December.

The Chair asked Wood to offer an update on the Ad Hoc Committee on University Senate Ex Officio Members and Their Voting Rights, of which she is the chair. Wood reported that the intent is to review the *Senate Rules* in terms of voting and non-voting membership of the University Senate (Senate) in light of the multitude of changes in UK's administration. The committee will also look at the current distribution of voting rights and the proportionality of college deans' voting. The committee met once in October, but postponed additional meetings until spring 2013, when it was assumed that UK's administrative reorganization would be complete. Edwards commented that the Student Government Association (SGA) was moving ahead with discussions to formally decrease the number of student representatives in the Senate.

The Chair explained that Ms. Brothers is enrolled in a class that meets on Mondays at 5 pm, so she will be leaving the SC meeting at 4:50 pm. After brief discussion, Grossman volunteered to take notes for the remaining 10 minutes of SC meetings.

SC members discussed possible nominees for the College of Agriculture Dean Search Committee, as well as nominees to fill vacancies in the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure.

2. Old Business

a. Proposed Changes to Admissions Requirements for Human Nutrition and Dietetics Undergraduate Programs in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Guest Sandra Bastin (AG, Interim Chair, Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition) explained the changes made to the proposal since the SC last saw it in November. After discussion, Brion **moved** to send the proposed changes to the Senate with a positive recommendation for Senate approval, effective fall 2013. Anderson **seconded**. Grossman suggested that the Senate receive for review just the language from "Upper division admissions" through the end of the text in "Appeal Process." A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

b. Response from Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards (SAASC) on SACSCOC Residency Language

Raphael Finkel, chair of the SAASC, led the discussion on the suggestions from SAASC that a "course taken from UK" means a course with a UK number taught by a UK instructor, as well as to delete the

asterisked interpretation paragraph at the end of *Senate Rules 5.4.1*. There was brief discussion. Brion **moved** to send the proposed changes to the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) for codification. Wasilkowski **seconded**. SC members discussed the timing of the Senate's review and wondered if it would be better to send it directly to the Senate. Brion **withdrew the motion**.

Wood **moved** to send the changes recommended by the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee to the Senate for approval with a positive recommendation from the SC. Wasilkowski **seconded**. Grossman suggested that the Senate receive a track changes version of the *SR*. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with two opposed. SC members agreed that Davy Jones, SREC chair, should review the proposed changes prior to them being presented to the Senate for approval.

c. Response from SAASC on Reference in Senate Rules to Nonexistent Form for "I" Grade

Finkel recapped the issue for SC members and stated that the recommendation from the SAASC was to require each department to be responsible for maintaining records regarding the details surrounding why a student was given an I grade. Each department is responsible for recording information for each I grade, specifying: 1. the student: name and student number; 2. the course number: number, hours of credit, semester, year, instructor of record; 3. work to be completed and basis for grading; and 4. time frame for completing the incomplete (not exceeding 12 months). The information should be filed with the department chair for undergraduate students and with the director of graduate studies for graduate students. It is preferable that the information be signed and dated both by the student and the instructor of record and allows no more than 12 months to complete needed work. In addition, the Senate should offer instructors a form to use, although use of that specific form should not be mandatory. SC members discussed the recommendations.

Grossman suggested that the department chair be responsible for all I forms, not just I forms for undergraduate students. Neither Finkel nor other SC members objected to the modification that the department chair or designee will be responsible for the forms. Finkel commented that it was not clear how instructors will know that a form is required.

Wasilkowski **moved** to send the proposed suggestions to the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) and Christ **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

d. Response from SAASC on Contradiction in Senate Rules: XE/XF and Retroactive Withdrawals

Finkel explained the recommendation from the SAASC to SC members. There was extensive discussion about how the proposed changes would affect the retroactive withdrawal appeals process, the University Appeals Board, and the intent of the existing language. After awhile, Christ **moved** to return the proposal to the SAASC for clarification and review. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Proposed Final Approval for One-Year Masters in Public Administration and One-Year Masters in Public Policy Programs (calendar issue)

Guests Dwight Denison (Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, director of graduate studies) and Merl Hackbart (Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, interim director) explained how the proposal differed from the proposal offered to SC in March 2012. There was extensive discussion among those present. Eventually, it was agreed that Hackbart and Denison will revise the proposal and return to the SC prior to the next Senate meeting.

#### 4. Proposed Additions to Senate's Academic Facilities Committee

The Chair explained that the SC was being asked to appoint two additional individuals to the Senate's Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC), so they could in turn be eligible to be appointed to the Provost's Advisory Committee on Academic Facilities. Christ **moved** to approve the appointments of a senator and a non-senator to the SAFC and Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 5. Issues with Clinical Title Series

SC members discussed issues about the clinical title series (CTS) with Mitzi Schumacher, who serves as the chair of the Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Advisory Committee (HCCSAAC). Schumacher expressed concern that the HCCSAAC has looked at some recent job descriptions of CTS faculty, but were chagrined to realize that some recent ones did not have any clinical responsibilities (only educational responsibilities). Schumacher also commented that the HCCSAAC recently learned that appointments to CTS are not part of the responsibilities for the HCCSAAC, but concerns still remain. Those present also discussed the issues of the numbers of CTS faculty affecting representation numbers in faculty governance. There were questions regarding who has oversight of job descriptions for CTS faculty and how those descriptions are determined to be appropriate.

The SC did not take any formal action, but decided to continue discussions at a future date.

There being no additional business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned around 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,  
Senate Council Chair

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

Invited guests present: Sandra Bastin, Mitzi Schumacher, Ben Withers.

Provost's Liaison present: Richard Greissman.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.