

Senate Council
January 22, 2018

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, January 22, 2018 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 Katherine M. McCormick called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Minutes from January 8, 2018 and Announcements

The Chair said that no edits were received to the minutes. Hearing **no objections**, the minutes from January 8 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair had a few announcements.

The search committee has been formed for a new dean of the Gatton College of Business and Economics. The Chair identified the SC nominee who was selected to serve. She said she had asked for the composition of the entire committee and would share it with SC members when received.

To address the concerns voiced at the last SC meeting regarding the inclusion of a vice president on two dean search committees which had already begun, the Chair stated she had spoken with Provost David Blackwell, a member of the Provost's staff, and a co-chair of the search committee. The Chair said that when she met with Provost David Blackwell the prior week, she was told that the inclusion of the administrator did not come from him or his staff.

When the Chair met with Provost Blackwell, she encouraged him to consider including someone from his staff as a regular attendee of SC meetings. She recalled when SC members met with Blackwell when he was a candidate for the position of provost, SC members had brought up the possibility of having a liaison from the Provost's office again, similar to how Richard Greissman served. Tagavi said that if anyone was to be invited to attend SC meetings, SC members should have discussed it, first, and then voted on it. The Chair reminded Tagavi that SC meetings are open to the public but Tagavi replied that asking someone to attend on a regular basis, as a semi-official member, was a different matter altogether. To ascertain if her actions were in accordance with the SC's direction, the Chair asked other SC members what their recollection was of the discussion pertaining to a liaison. All those present concurred that the Chair had done as asked by SC members, except for Tagavi and Blonder. (Blonder asserted that the SC should discuss whether or not to accept the individual proposed by the Provost to serve as a liaison.) Grossman said it would not be appropriate for SC to direct the Provost to select a certain individual – if the arrangement works out, it will but if it does not work out, that will be obvious. Cross agreed, saying that SC had no business telling Provost Blackwell who he should select as a liaison.

Tagavi clarified that he did not say SC should approve the liaison, but rather that if someone was going to be invited to serve as a liaison, the SC should have been consulted. He noted that the SC was currently expressing concern about an administrator [vice president] being placed on search committees; inviting an administrator to SC meetings was similar. The Chair noted that the issue with a search committee member pertained to a vice president, not someone in the Provost's area. Cross said it would be a good idea for someone from the Provost's area to regularly attend SC meetings. He said didn't matter if the same person attended every time. Noting that SC meetings are open to the public, Cross said anyone from campus could attend and sit along the wall with other guests.

Schroeder asked the Chair if she was able to receive any updates from Provost Blackwell about other dean searches. The Chair explained that her meetings with the Provost are scheduled for 30 minutes and during this that meeting, she and the Provost spent a few minutes on New Year's greetings and

informal conversation. She added that she will follow up with someone from the Provost's staff about search committees for the other colleges, as well as find out what his priorities are for the near future.

2. Old Business

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Margaret Schroeder, Chair

i. Recommendations for Significant Changes

Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal, noting that the majority of the proposal had already been reviewed by SC members before it was tabled. She said that she ensured that the summary language was consistent with the SR changes being proposed and reviewed the text for clarity. Tagavi asked Schroeder a series of questions about how certain types of proposals are currently processed, which Schroeder and others answered.

Grossman noted that the impetus for the proposal was a concern about newly added tracks, concentrations, and specializations. He suggested that [Schroeder add the language in the proposed new section in SR 3.2.3.C.1.\(a\) include language to the effect of "e.g. addition of a new track, concentration, and specialization:" to the subsection "3" below SR 3.2.3.C.1.\(a\).](#)¹ On behalf of the SAPC, Schroeder agreed to that change. Osterhage asked about program changes currently in the review and approval process. After brief discussion, SC members were amenable to having the change be effective for proposals received in the Senate Council office after May 1. The Chair noted that the proposal came from the SAPC, therefore no **second** was required for the **motion** to approve the SAPC's proposed Recommendations for Significant Changes. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Herman Farrell, Chair

i. Proposed Change to MSW (Army)

Guest Herman Farrell, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), recapped the proposal. Guests Chris Flaherty (SW), Janet Ford (SW), and G. T. Lineberry (associate provost for faculty advancement, EN/Mining Engineering) also participated in the SC's discussion. Discussion centered on the appointment of Fort Sam Houston individuals as UK faculty in the clinical title series.

When discussion wound down, the Chair noted that the motion on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC for approval of the MSW (Army). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Nonstandard Calendars for SW Courses for MSW (Army)

Flaherty explained the request for non-standard course calendars for the courses used in the MSW (Army). There was some discussion. Brion **moved** to approve the nonstandard course calendars for the courses used in the MSW (Army) program (SW 600, SW 630, SW 365, SW 650, SW 601, SW 602, SW 702, SW 640, SW 718, SW 724, SW 722, SW 750, SW 734, SW 726, SW 728, SW 730, SW 734, SW 740, SW 742, and the associated elective courses) for four years (first year, plus following three cohort years). Blonder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. May & Early August Degree List and Timing of Meetings

The Chair explained that the Board of Trustees was scheduled to meet prior to the Senate in May, which meant that the SC needed to make a decision about how approval of degree lists would be handled. SC members discussed four options proposed to them by the SC chair and staff. During discussion,

¹ Change approved by SC on February 19, 2018.

consensus grew around one particular option. Grossman **moved** to change the April Senate meeting date to April 23 and retain the May 7 Senate meeting date. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed New Senate Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion – Proposed Charge and Composition

SC members discussed the proposed new Senate advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, particularly its charge and composition. During discussion, Grossman **moved** that the membership of the proposed new committee be comprised of: six faculty members (with voting privileges); two student members (with voting privileges) nominated by the Student Government Association; two administrative staff and/or faculty employees who both have responsibilities pertaining to diversity and inclusivity (ex officio, non-voting members); and a chair, who will be selected by SC from the 10 members. Grossman clarified that his intent was for the new committee to be composed the next time Senate's committees were populated. Cross **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Request for Waiver of Senate Rules 5.2.4.8.1 ("Common Examinations") for CHE 230-001

Grossman explained that he gives an online exam for CHE 230-001 but he is typically assigned a room that does not accommodate that. To accommodate his class, Grossman requested a computer lab in the College of Nursing Building, which is the only room on campus with enough computers for his students. Unfortunately, the room is not available at the time of his scheduled exam. Therefore, he needs permission from SC to change the time of the final exam for CHE 230-001 from 8 – 10 am to 1 – 3 pm. He said he already checked with students and there are a few that have a conflict with the new times and date. Grossman said that he will accommodate any schedule conflicts resulting from the changed time. There were a couple of comments and questions from SC members. Grossman indicated that he would appreciate receiving this approval in perpetuity for CHE 230-001 because he regularly asks SC to waive *SR 5.2.4.8.1* ("Common Examinations"). Bird-Pollan **moved** to approve the waiver of *Senate Rules 5.2.4.8.1* ("Common Examinations") for CHE 230-001 for the current semester and all future semesters and Schroeder **seconded**. There were a few comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. SC Agendas and Revisions to Proposals

The Chair explained that at the last meeting, Schroeder has a proposal on the agenda. Over the weekend, the Chair received revisions to the proposal from the chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), which the Chair shared with Schroeder on Monday. The Chair was told that someone from the SREC would be present to explain the proposed revisions, but the member was unable to attend. Tagavi then asked that the SC not review any agenda item, or any revisions to an agenda item, if the agenda has already been posted. The Chair added that although she received the revisions in question on Saturday night, she was concerned that if she forwarded them Sunday morning, Schroeder would then feel obligated to work on them over the weekend. The Chair explained that if a proposal came from a committee, it made sense to share the revisions with the committee chair, first, in the event that some revisions might not be acceptable to the committee as a whole. Due to the tabling of the SAPC proposal and a federal holiday, it meant the proposal was delayed by two weeks. She asked SC members for guidance on how to handle such situations in the future.

SC members discussed the issue and offered a variety of perspectives. As discussion wound down, there were no objections to having a general standard regarding agenda items. If revisions are submitted for a proposal from a Senate committee, the Chair will first share the revisions with the committee chair prior

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to sharing them with SC members. If an item has received substantial revisions, any SC member may ask that the item be postponed to the next meeting, to ensure sufficient review time for SC members. If a revision is minimal, members can probably review the revision(s) during the meeting, as long as the revision(s) are obvious. Hard copies of revisions may assist in SC deliberations of a revised proposal.

7. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

SC members discussed a variety of topics, including the Chair's meeting with Provost David Blackwell, degree list errors, and commencement-related practices. No motions were made.

Brion **moved** to adjourn and Cross **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick.
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Brion, Cross, Grossman, Marr, McCormick, Osterhage, Schroeder, Spear, and Tagavi.

Invited guests present: Chris Flaherty, Janet Ford, G. T. Lineberry, Annie Weber.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, January 25, 2018.