

Senate Council  
January 28, 2018

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, January 28, 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 Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

1. Minutes from January 7, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair said that no comments had been received for the minutes from January 7, 2019. There being **no objections**, the minutes from January 7, 2019 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair had two announcements. The ad hoc Committee on Academic Engagement [regarding title IV-related matters] will have their first meeting on Wednesday. The external review committee for the Confucius Institute will hold an open house in early February at the Boone Center. The Chair was contacted about announcing it to faculty and asked SC members for guidance. Shortly thereafter, the Chair agreed to email the notice to senators.

2. Degree Recipients

a. Late Addition to December 2018 Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2)

i. College of Nursing Student JM-75

The Chair explained that a clerical error in choosing a graduation date prevented a College of Nursing student from graduating. Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC amend the December 2018 degree by adding the BSN for student JM-75 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2018. Brion **seconded**. There was no discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Musculoskeletal Injury Management

Cramer, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC members. Guest Phillip Gribble (HS/Rehabilitation Sciences) answered questions from SC members. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Musculoskeletal Injury Management, in the Department of Athletic Training and Clinical Nutrition within the College of Health Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – Davy Jones, Chair

i. Renumbering of Senate Rules

The Chair explained that the *Senate Rules (SRs)* were not coming forward for approval, but rather were being shared informationally with SC members. She said that she thought the renumbering was a relatively notable change and thought there was an obligation to make sure that people were aware of the changes. She suggested that Guest Davy Jones (ME/Toxicology and Cancer Biology, chair of Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC)) noted that Grossman took the lead on the renumbering and suggested that he explain the changes.

Grossman said that the former hierarchical structure of the *SRs* become convoluted over time, with a lack of consistency as to how passages were labeled, such as with a capital letter, number or a Roman numeral. He said that he standardized the headings using Microsoft Word's header functions. He said

that some individuals had suggested that some passage headers be indented and while he had not made that change, he explained that if the header style was changed, all instances of the header would automatically be updated. Grossman said that all references to other sections of the *SRs* were now hyperlinked to the specific *SR*. Grossman explained that he also split some larger sections into smaller passages and added descriptive headers. Lastly, he standardized some hyphenations, etc.

The Chair noted that the version posted with the agenda did not have the renumbering changes in track changes; Grossman explained that having all of that in track changes would have been difficult to review. He said that he also put together a cross-walk of the old references to new references, so that people could easily find passages based on the old reference. He added that most of the numbering stayed the same. Most of the former reference system's As were now 1s, Bs were 2s, Cs were 3s, etc. Finally, parts of the sections on undergraduate admissions and probation had references to graduate programs, which he removed. Grossman answered a variety of questions from SC members.

ii. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 2.0 ("Rules Relating to Calendar")

Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), explained the proposed changes. He noted that during the process of codifying the winter intersession, single summer session, and newly approved "fall break," the SREC identified the need to use two newly defined terms, which the SREC felt was more policy-based than editorial. Therefore, the SREC asked the SC to vote to approve the use of both terms. Jones answered a variety of questions of fact.

The Chair said that the **motion** from the SREC was a recommendation to approve the redefinition of the calendar word "term," to be codified in both Section 2 and Glossary. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. In response to a question from Cramer, Jones confirmed that after SC and Senate approved the use of "term" to collectively refer to the fall and spring semesters, the single summer session, and the winter intersession, the SREC could make such changes globally throughout the *SRs*. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Jones explained that the second issue related to two separate holiday periods during the fall semester. He noted that both the newly approved, two-day academic holiday in October and the day before Thanksgiving were both approved with the "fall break" name. He said that the SREC proposed using the term "fall break" for the academic holiday in October and "Thanksgiving break" for the academic holiday in November. Jones answered factual questions.

The Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the first academic holiday (occurring near midterm) be officially named "Fall Break" and the second (occurring near the University Thanksgiving Holiday) be officially named "Thanksgiving Break." Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Request from SREC Regarding Policy Discussion in Senate Rules 5.2.1.C ("Student Load")

Jones explained the request from the SREC. SC members discussed various aspects of the SREC's recommendation. During discussion, Guest Kim Taylor (registrar) confirmed that her office set the credit hour maximum at 13 for the past summer's single summer session. Grossman **moved** that the SC ask the SAASC to define new appropriate student credit hour loads for the changed calendar, update *Section 10.3* ["Senate-Approved Policy for Determining Meeting Times and Number of Credit Hours for Courses"], and determine a way to calculate an appropriate course load for compressed courses.

Hamilton **seconded**. There was no additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 4. University Calendars

The Chair explained that the SC regularly had the responsibility to approve the University's academic calendars. Before SC members today was the final version of next year's calendar [2019-20], as well as the tentative calendar for two years into the future [2021-22]. Next year, the SC would be asked to approve the following year's final academic calendar [2020-21].

##### a. 2019 - 2020 Calendar

Guest Kim Taylor (registrar) explained that the primary changes to the calendar were as follows:

- Degree application deadline dates were moved up to approximately two months prior to Commencement, as opposed to in the past having been in the prior semester.
- Grade submission deadlines were changed from midnight to 5 pm.
- Priority registration will continue from the start date of priority registration until the seeBlue U sessions begin in the summer, whereas in the past those windows had much shorter duration.
- Codification of the new fall break.

The Chair asked for more information about the timing of the new fall break. She noted that the dates in the academic calendar occurred during the tenth week, although the language that the SC just approved from the SREC placed the fall break in the ninth week. There was extensive discussion among those present regarding the Senate's intent when it acted last year to create a fall break. There was also discussion about what exactly "midterm" meant.

Grossman **moved** to amend the 2019-2020 calendar so that the fall break be held on October 21 and October 22 and approve it with that change. Cross **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

##### b. 2021 - 2022 Calendar, Tentative

The Chair noted that the timing of fall break was also an issue with the tentative 2021-2022 calendar. Grossman **moved** to amend the 2021-2022 calendar so that the fall break be held on October 18 and October 19 and approve it with that change. Hamilton **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

SC members requested that the amended 2019-2020 and tentative 2021-2022 calendars return the next week for SC to give a final review.

##### c. 2019 - 2020 Dentistry

Cramer **moved** to approve the 2019 - 2020 Dentistry calendar. Walker **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### d. 2021 - 2022 Dentistry, Tentative

Tagavi **moved** to approve the tentative 2021 - 2022 Dentistry calendar as long as “tentative” was added to the header of the calendar. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

e. 2019 - 2020 Law

Walker **moved** to approve the 2019-2020 Law calendar. Hall **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

f. 2021 - 2022 Law

Tagavi **moved** to approve the 2021-2022 Law calendar. Osterhage **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

g. 2019 - 2020 Medicine

h. 2021 - 2022 Medicine, Tentative

Blonder asked for confirmation that the spring break schedule for first-year medical students and second-year medical students in the 2019 - 2020 Medicine calendar. Guest Kim Taylor (registrar) explained that the College of Medicine created the calendar, but she could follow up with Medicine. Blonder asked if Taylor could also confirm the term end date. The Chair said that both Medicine calendars could be held until next week, when more information was available.

i. 2019 - 2020 Pharmacy

The Chair noted that the header indicated it was “tentative,” although it was a final calendar. Tagavi **moved** to approve the 2019-2020 Pharmacy calendar. Cross **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

j. 2021 - 2022 Pharmacy, Tentative

Tagavi **moved** to approve the 2019-2020 Pharmacy calendar. Walker **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair noted that both University calendars and both Medicine calendars would return to SC the following week for a final review.

5. Proposed New Senate Rule 1.4.3.6 (“Senate Technology Committee”)

The Chair invited Guest Mark Lauersdorf (AS/Linguistics, chair of Senate Council’s ad hoc Committee on Technology) to briefly explain the ad hoc Committee’s work and Lauersdorf did so. The Chair called for questions of fact and there were many questions from SC members. Guest Brian Nichols (chief information officer) also participated in the discussion.

When there were no further questions of fact, the Chair said that the **motion** from the Senate Council’s ad hoc Committee on Technology was a recommendation to create the new Senate Technology Committee as described in the proposal and codify it in the *Senate Rules*. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair called for debate. SC members offered a variety of opinions, primarily relating to the proposed committee’s placement in the second set of standing committees described in the *SRs*, which meant the committee would not have to be chaired by a member of Senate nor be comprised with a majority being senators.

Tagavi **moved** to amend the motion so that the proposed new committee would be placed in the first set of standing committees described in the *SRs*, which meant the committee would have to be chaired

by a member of Senate and be comprised with a majority being senators. The motion **died** due to lack of a second. There were no further comments so a **vote** was taken on the original motion and the motion **passed** with one opposed and one abstained.

6. Discussion on Order of CPE & UK Board Reviews for New Degree Program Proposals

The Chair reminded SC members that at the SC meeting earlier in the month, a question arose as to the order of new program reviews by the University Senate (Senate), UK Board of Trustees (UK Board) and the Board of Trustees of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE Board). The Chair noted that while she had already sent a clarification to SC members documenting that the Provost's Office would not ask CPE to review any proposals that had not already been approved by the Senate, she had said it would be a discussion item. Therefore, she invited Weber to attend in case anyone present had questions about the process.

Guest Annie Davis Weber (assistant provost for strategic planning and institutional effectiveness) reiterated the process as explained by the Chair and added that due to CPE-related deadlines for meetings, it might be necessary to put a proposal on the CPE Board's agenda prior to the Senate meeting where it was scheduled to approve it. If the Senate did not approve the proposal at its meeting, Weber explained that her office would pull the item from the CPE Board's agenda. She noted that it was relatively easy to remove an agenda item after the deadline for items but was very difficult to add an agenda item after the deadline. Weber answered a variety of questions from SC members.

The Chair noted the time and asked SC members if they wanted her to put the "Senate Meeting Roundtable" on the next agenda as "Old Business," but there were no indications that anyone thought that to be necessary.

The meeting was adjourned by general consensus at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Brion, Cramer, Cross, Grossman, Hall, Hamilton, Osterhage, Spear, Tagavi, and Walker.

Provost's Liaison present: Kirsten Turner.

Invited guests present: Phillip Gribble, Davy Jones, Beth Kraemer, Mark Lauersdorf, Alexandre Martin, Douglas Michael, Brian Nichols, Kim Taylor, and Annie Davis Weber.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.