

Senate Council
January 7, 2019

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, January 7, 2019 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. The Chair commented that new SC members were present and there were also a number of invited guests. The Chair suggested those in the room introduce themselves.

1. Minutes from December 3, 2018 and Announcements

The Chair offered some announcements.

The SC Office has received approval for a budget increase for a new, third employee. The job posting for the person will be available through the middle of the week. The individual will take over some clerical duties from current office staff, to give existing staff more capacity to address course- and program-related activities. She said that funding will also be provided for necessary furniture, etc.

The Chair announced that Patrick Lee Lucas (DS/Interiors: Planning / Strategy / Design) had accepted the position of chair of the Senate's UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC). She said he was enthusiastic about the position and she expected them to meet soon.

The current chair of the Undergraduate Council (UC), Amy Spriggs (ED/Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling), has chosen not to continue for another year and contacted the Chair to let her know. Given how long it sometimes takes to identify a committee chair, the issue of a chair for next year is being discussed now. The Chair reported that a current UC member was interested in the position. If things work out, the Chair said she would bring that appointment to the SC, as Spriggs suggested a system of co-chairing in the spring semester to help with onboarding a new UC chair.

The results of the 2017-18 faculty evaluation of the president has been posted on the Senate's site, with the other evaluations from years past.

At the December Board of Trustees meeting, Provost David Blackwell announced a change to the new program review process at the state level, specifically regarding the Council on Postsecondary Education. At the Chair's request, Guest Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Annie Davis Weber explained that the CPE reviewed its policy language and determined that their rules allowed a little flexibility regarding deadlines and dates of review. Weber explained that the CPE determined that as long as the UK Board of Trustees acts within six months, the CPE Board of Trustees will consider new program proposals prior to review by UK's Board. Weber noted that the revised process was created in response to UK's description of the special activities surrounding the online program initiative, so she was not sure how long the modified process would be in place beyond the current academic year. She added that the modified process was available for every new degree program, not just those submitted as part of the online initiative. After a variety of questions and comments from SC members about how the change would be implemented within UK, the Chair said that she would add the issue to the January 28 SC meeting for a formal discussion.

The Chair said that no comments had been received for the minutes from December 3, 2018. Blonder said that the objection attributed to regarding the election vote was actually said by Tagavi and Tagavi

concurring. Cross **moved** to approve the minutes from December 3 as amended and Brion **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

a. Discussion Only – Possible Title IV Ad Hoc Committee

The Chair welcomed Guest Abigail Firey (AS/History) and asked that Firey explain her proposal regarding campus activity related to Title IV (student financial aid and class attendance), which she did.

SC members generally supported the idea of an ad hoc committee on Title IV-related issues, but proposed some modifications from what was presented to them. Cross **moved** that the SC create a new ad hoc committee as described and Brion **seconded**.

There were a variety of comments, questions, and suggestions from SC members. During discussion, SC members concurred that the chair of the committee would be established by the committee during its first meeting. Cross and Brion accepted as friendly amendments a few modifications to the original description of the ad hoc committee. SC members accepted Firey's offer to convene the first meeting of the ad hoc Committee and facilitate the election of a chair [from the voting membership] at that meeting. As discussion wound down, the Chair summarized that the motion on the floor was to create a new ad hoc committee, as described and revised, below.

The SC creates the ad hoc Committee on Academic Engagement for the purposes of analyzing the best practices for implementation of Title IV reporting on academic engagement and presenting recommendations to the Senate Council meeting on April 1, being charged to address the following, and possibly other, issues: 1.) the apparent discrepancy between *Senate Rules* [described elsewhere] and Federal Regulations (Title IV) on academic engagement; 2.) the necessity for universal removal of students reported for non-engagement from class rolls in the third week of the semester; 3.) whether the terms of asynchronous online courses match the implied expectations for academic engagement in the third week of the semester; 4.) whether there is disproportionate penalty for students receiving federal aid; 5.) use of the "N" grade as a possible mechanism in reporting and possible extension of its availability from the beginning to the end of the semester. The membership will be comprised of the chairs (or the chair's designee) of the Senate committees: on Admissions and Academic Standards, Academic Planning and Priorities, Rules and Elections, Diversity and Inclusion, and Distance Learning and e-Learning, and a student nominated by the Student Government Association (SGA) president, and one ex officio nonvoting representative from the Registrar's office, and one ex officio nonvoting representative from Financial Aid, and Firey participating as an ex officio nonvoting resource.

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

3. Nominees for Committees

The Chair noted that Ms. Brothers had previously circulated a list to SC members via email of the faculty who were eligible to serve on each area committees. She said that SC had been asked to identify nominees from the College of Engineering for the Physical and Engineering Sciences Academic Area Advisory Committee. For the Health Care Clinical Sciences Academic Area Advisory Committee, SC had been asked to identify nominees from the Colleges of Dentistry and Health Sciences.

a. Physical and Engineering Sciences Academic Area Advisory Committee

The Chair solicited names of possible nominees. SC member settled on four nominees and that the Chair would be ultimately responsible for sending forward a pair of names at a time, paired by the Chair with attention to diversity of composition, and the second pair to be sent forward only if additional nominees were requested. Cross **moved** to approve the four nominees as discussed and direct the Chair to send one pair of nominees at a time, upon request, with the pairing done by the Chair keeping in mind diversity of composition. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Health Care Clinical Sciences Academic Area Advisory Committee

SC members discussed nominees from Health Sciences and Dentistry. SC members settled on four faculty. Tagavi **moved** to approve the nominees as discussed and direct the Chair to send one pair of nominees for each request, with the pairing done by the Chair keeping in mind diversity of composition. Cross **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Request for Input from Gatton College of Business and Economics – Executive Associate Dean for Administration, Faculty & Research Nicole Jenkins

The Chair explained that Gatton College of Business and Economics Nicole Jenkins Executive Associate Dean for Administration, Faculty and Research contacted the Chair with a question, essentially, of how to implement a change that was approved by the faculty in the Department of Accountancy. The Chair explained that type of proposal was not often encountered, so she suggested that that Jenkins attend an SC meeting so a proposal is not developed in a way that someone on the SC might disagree with. The Chair added that Guests Jenkins and Urton Anderson (BE/Von Allmen School of Accountancy, department chair) were present to get SC's feedback prior to submitting a formal proposal.

During discussion, Jenkins and Anderson answered a variety of questions regarding advanced placement (AP) exams, the College Board, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). In response to a comment from Blonder, the Chair suggested that a proposal to change *Senate Rules 5.2.1.1* ("Accelerated Programs") would first need approval by the Undergraduate Council, after which it would likely be sent to the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) for review. SC members discussed the rigor of a test offered through AICPA versus the College Board's AP test and wondered how a particular test score would be determined to be equivalent to the educational outcomes for ACC 201. When there were no further comments, the Chair said that the SC Office would work with Jenkins and Anderson on next steps for their proposal.

5. Committee Reports

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

i. Request for Additional Members

The Chair explained that Cramer, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), was asking for SC's guidance in appointing three new, additional members to the SAPC, to help with the expected increased workload associated with the online program initiative. SC members discussed Cramer's nominees extensively.

Cramer **moved** that the SC approve LV as an additional SAPC member for spring 2019 and Tagavi **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Cramer **moved** that the SC approve JL as an additional SAPC member for spring 2019 and Tagavi **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Cramer **moved** that the SC approve MS as an additional SAPC member for spring 2019 with the caveat that due to their administrative position, MS recuse themselves from any proposal originating from their college and Tagavi **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Brion **moved** that the minutes reflect that the addition of an associate dean to a Senate committee is a one-time appointment of someone with an administrative appointment and is not intended to set a precedent of service of upper level administrators on Senate committees. Cramer **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. [significant change] Proposed Changes to MS Kinesiology and Health Promotion (add 4 concentrations)

Cramer explained the proposal. Guest Fan Gao (ED/Kinesiology and Health Promotion) offered a few comments about the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC members but there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the significant changes to the MS in Kinesiology and Health Promotion, in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. Brion asked a series of questions about the concentrations.

When there was no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

iii. Proposed New Master of Forensic Toxicology and Analytical Genetics

Cramer explained the proposal. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact and Brion asked a series of questions about the program's proposed coursework.

The Chair stated that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new Master of Forensic Toxicology and Analytical Genetics degree, in the Department of Toxicology and Cancer Biology within the College of Medicine. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

6. UK First-Destination Survey (Career Outcomes) – James W. Stuckert Career Center Director Ray Clere and ITS Enterprise Architect Virginia Lacefield

The Chair welcomed Guests Ray Clere (director of the James W. Stuckert Career Center) and Virginia Lacefield (ITS enterprise architects). Clere and Lacefield gave a presentation to SC members and there were a series of questions from SC members during the presentation.

Reminding SC members about the time, the Chair suggested that SC members could contact Clere and Lacefield directly if there were any additional questions, or questions pertaining to the remainder of the slides. The Chair noted that the presentation would also be given to senators, so SC members could also hold any questions until the Senate meeting.

7. Proposed Change to *Governing Regulations II.B.3* ("Governance of the University of Kentucky," "Officers")

Blonder, faculty trustee, explained the proposed changes. SC members discussed possible edits and Blonder suggested that any comments or edits should be passed on to senior leadership by the Chair.

SC members were receptive to the changes, but suggested the issues below be considered by senior leadership.

- The KRS referenced in the passage only refers to the vice chair. The chair of the Board of Trustees (Board) is discussed in KRS 164.131 and that reference is not in the passage but should be.
- The phrase “at-large members” is unclear and should be replaced with a term that is easily defined.
- Specific language should be added to the section to clarify what happens if a vacancy in an officer position occurs prior to December.

Tagavi **moved** that the Senate endorse the proposed change to *Governing Regulations II.B.3* (“Governance of the University of Kentucky,” “Officers”) and convey to senior leadership the three suggestions [above]. Collett **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

8. Proposed Change to *Governing Regulations II.E.2.f.2* (“Governance of the University of Kentucky,” “Investment Committee”)

Blonder explained the proposed change. Brion noted that the affected text included erroneous numbering that should be fixed. There were a few other comments. Brion **moved** to recommend Senate endorse the proposed change and convey to senior leadership the suggestion to fix the numbering. Hamilton **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

9. Tentative Senate Agenda for January 14, 2019

SC members reviewed the tentative Senate agenda. Hamilton **moved** to approve and Cramer **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Given the time, the Chair noted that the two remaining agenda items (“Senate Meeting Roundtable” and “Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)”) would need to wait until the next SC meeting. SC members directed that there was no need to place those items on the next SC agenda as “Old Business.”

Due to a mass exodus, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,
Senate Council Chair

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

Invited guests present: Urton Anderson, Ray Clere, Abigail Firey, Fan Gao, Katie Hardwick, Nicole Jenkins, Virginia Lacefield, Douglas Michael, and Annie Davis Weber.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.