

Senate Council  
January 30, 2017

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm in 103 Main Building on Monday, November 7, 2016. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hand unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Katherine M. McCormick called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 2:58 pm.

The Chair welcomed Guest Bill Swinford, the President's chief of staff, adding that he was in attendance to share information about United States President Donald Trump's Friday [January 27] federal administrative order on immigration. Swinford explained that the situation was very fluid – a handful of judges from different jurisdictions had already rendered different rulings. UK's Office of Legal Counsel was closely monitoring the situation. UK's director of federal relations is also in communication with partners in Washington, D. C., as well as with legislators. Swinford said that a joint communication from President Eli Capilouto and Provost Tim Tracy would be forthcoming later in the afternoon. At the moment, the University is cautioning possibly affected students and employees not to travel internationally. There were a handful of questions from SC members.

1. Minutes from January 23, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair noted that the minutes were only sent out earlier in the day; Mazur expressed a desire for more time to review the minutes, so the Chair said the minutes could be approved at the next SC meeting.

The Chair offered a variety of announcements.

- Committee chairs from all area committees were finalized in January. That opens the door for scheduling the first meeting of the SC's ad hoc Committee on Title Series. It will be chaired by Sharon Lock and the Committee will begin their work soon.
- The University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD) met last week and developed a schedule to propose honorary degrees in a timelier manner. This will prevent the SC from having to vote on behalf of the University Senate regarding honorary degree nominees. There will be no honorary degrees at May Commencement.
- The Curriculum Stakeholders group will meet again in a couple of weeks – the group has met a handful of times to develop reasonable ways to streamline the current curricular approval process and make it more efficient.

2. Update on Canvas and Retention Efforts

The Chair invited Guest Nick Kehrwald, associate dean of students, to give SC members an update on the information presented to SC in the fall semester, by Associate Provost for Academic Excellence Operations Kirsten Turner, who was also in attendance. The presentation appeared to be well received by the SC members present – SC members asked questions periodically throughout the presentation. Turner also participated in the discussion.

3. Request for Nonstandard Calendar for ODM 830

Guest Reny De Leeuw (DE/Oral Health Science), associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Dentistry, explained the request for a nonstandard calendar for ODM 830. SC members asked questions, primarily about logistics.

Bailey **moved** to approve the proposed nonstandard calendar request for ODM 830 on a recurring basis. McGillis **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Senate Forms

a. Suspension of Admissions/Deletion of Program

SC members discussed the revised form. SC members were amenable to approving the use of the form, but there were a few questions about question 2b, which dealt with the suspension of admissions to *en passant* master's degree programs. Ms. Brothers said she would work with SC member Schroeder and UK's liaison to the Council on Postsecondary Education to ensure the language was appropriate.

Mazur **moved** to approve the use of the new form and McGillis **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

Cross explained that the faculty council in the College of Communication and Information recently discussed issues raised by a recent disciplinary case within their college. Two primary areas of concern that were discussed were: delivery of the sanction to the faculty member without discussing the matter with the faculty member; and finding a faculty member in violation of a University regulation without having interviewed the alleged victim. Cross said that all faculty councils on campus should begin to weigh in on the issues being reviewed by the SC's ad hoc Committee on Administrative Regulations 6:2.

SC members discussed the issue of how to inform faculty of the deliberations of the Committee on AR 6:2. Grossman noted that the original purpose of the Committee was to provide advice to senior leadership. He was not sure if inviting comment on the future recommendations by the Committee would be a useful exercise, given the complex nature of the issue. Mazur commented that in the College of Education, the discussion centered on the initial problem of senior leadership not seeking faculty advice on AR 6:2 to begin with. Cross suggested that faculty councils be informed of the Committee's existence and that the recommendations to senior leadership will be shared with faculty.

Cross **moved** that SC advise faculty councils of the existence of the ad hoc Committee on AR 6:2, that the issues under deliberation by the Committee are being discussed by other college faculty councils, and that they will be informed when the Committee develops its recommendations. Bailey suggested that the communication be CC'd to senators. Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair noted that she was aware of a couple concerns about their department's lack of faculty input into new hires, reappointments, etc. She said there was a matrix in the Administrative Regulations that clearly showed when faculty must, and when faculty could, be asked for input, although that was being ignored in some units. She asked for guidance from SC members. Grossman suggested that she speak directly with the deans involved, but also follow up with Provost Tim Tracy to let him know, too.

There being no additional business to attend to, Grossman **moved** to adjourn and Mazur **seconded**. SC members voted with their feet and the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine McCormick,  
Senate Council Chair

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SC members present: Bailey, Botts, Cross, Grossman, Lauersdorf, McCormick, McGillis, Mazur, Mills, and Reid.

Invited guests present: Nick Kehrwald, Reny de Leeuw, and Kirsten Turner.