

Senate Council
March 13, 2017

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 13 2017 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 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from March 6, 2017 and Announcements

The minutes from March 6

The Chair had a couple announcements. She let SC members know that she was aware of some complaints about the recent structural reorganization in the College of Public Health – no faculty were eliminated, but some staff employees were. The concerns she heard were from faculty who were distressed that there was no communication in advance about the reorganization.

There will be a small group meeting on Friday to discuss ways to facilitate interdisciplinary programs and improve collaborative efforts. The Chair invited interested SC members to attend.

Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs G. T. Lineberry asked the Chair if SC could provide the names of five or so tenured faculty of any rank and title series. She said the SC could return to deliberating on those names after deliberating on area and advisory committees.

The current academic ombud has indicated he will not seek an additional term as ombud, so the SC will work with the Provost's office to conduct a search for the next ombud.

2. Nominees for Area and Advisory Committees

SC members discussed nominees for a wide variety of committees.

During discussion, SC determined that an optimal composition for the Extension Title Series Academic Area Advisory Committee would include extension title series faculty to ensure that the unique responsibilities of extension faculty are acknowledged, while the majority of members could be faculty members outside the extension title series.

While the SC discussed nominees for the Senate Advisory Committee on the Faculty Code (SACFC), there was a related discussion about whether or not the SACFC had the necessary authority to perform as outlined in the Senate Rules (SRs), even though faculty code-related authority has not delegated to the SRs. Grossman opined that if senior administration thinks the SACFC should be done away with, there was no point in identifying members. SC members opted to identify potential nominees to send forward, but also initiate a conversation with senior administration about the SACFC. Grossman **moved** that the SC direct the SC chair to discuss the status of the SACFC with senior administration and then report back to the SC on the substance of the conversation. Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with six in favor.

After identifying nominees for the area and advisory committees, SC members offered the names of six faculty, from the Colleges of Law, Arts and Sciences, Agriculture, and Education, as potential nominees for the performance appeals committee.

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Schroeder **moved** to adjourn and Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Bird-Pollan, Grossman, Lauersdorf, McCormick, Mazur, and Schroeder.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.