

Senate Council
March 23, 2008

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 23, 2009 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair David Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair solicited motions for approval of minutes. Aken **moved** to approve the minutes from February 16 and Ford **seconded**. There being no discussion, the minutes from February 16 were **approved** as distributed.

Anderson **moved** to approve the minutes from February 23. Ford **seconded**. There being no discussion, the minutes from February 23 were **approved** as distributed.

Aken **moved** to approve the minutes from March 2 and Anderson **seconded**. There being no discussion, the minutes from March 2 were **approved** as distributed.

The Chair reported that Piascik and Tagavi would be absent for the meeting. He added that the recently approved changes to *Governing Regulations IV* (brought forth by the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee) would not be sent to the University Senate (Senate) because the changes were primarily clerical in nature and not substantive. Regarding waivers, the Chair reported that he approved the creation of new course GS 680 (a placeholder course with no credit hours) on behalf of the SC and Senate.

Swanson brought up the issue of a recent comment to the news media and a concern that it did not truly reflect faculty sentiment. After a very brief discussion, the Chair suggested that it would be appropriate for concerned SC members to draft a statement, after which the SC as a whole could review it and decide upon how next to proceed.

The Chair commented that the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents approved a measure to do away with tenure for future hires. He added that he emailed the Senate's resolution to each regent separately, but received no replies. He thought that the Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership for Higher Education (COSFL) would continue working on the issue, but did not know the next steps.

Provost's Liaison Greissman referred to the recent email regarding the changes to *Administrative Regulations II-1.0-1 (AR)* He asked SC members to encourage colleagues to weigh in and offer input on implementation. He said proposed changes to *Governing Regulations VII* would finalize the last of the "consensus items" from the Provost's whitepaper. The question of to whom the *AR* would apply when it becomes effective July 1 needed to be decided, as well – would it apply to future hires or all current probationary faculty?

2. [Revisiting SGA Proposal Regarding Dead Week](#)

The Chair asked the students present to explain what had happened with the proposal since the last time it was discussed. Guest Kara Sutton shared that the make-up language was clarified,

and there were also changes to the wording in Section E to make the meaning clearer. Guest Joe Quinn said that after the last SC meeting, a student-wide email was sent out requesting input, and he received hoards of emails supporting the proposed change.

The Chair asked Student Government Association President Tyler Montell if the SGA had voted on the proposal. Montell responded in the affirmative, saying that the initial language seen by the SC had been approved by the SGA.

SC members and invited guests engaged in a lengthy discussion of the proposal. The discussion primarily centered on the proposed language that would disallow both a lab practical and a final exam being given during Finals Week. While some courses' laboratory component is offered through a different course prefix and number, some courses have a laboratory component embedded as a part of the one course prefix and number. SC members expressed concern that the many courses that did not utilize a separate course prefix and number for the lab would not be allowed to have the final exam for both the lab and the lecture component. SC members opined that it would either: push the lab practical to the week prior to Dead Week, further eroding instructional time; or push the lab practical to Finals Week. Sutton said that having a lab practical given during Dead Week was acceptable, but was not sure how to word it. Aside from that, SC members were supportive of the proposed new language.

Those engaged in the discussion talked about possible tweaks to the language to satisfy the desired intent, but none of the suggestions was generally agreeable.

After awhile, the Chair suggested that discussion cease, since it was not up to the SC to rewrite the proposal. He commented that if the SGA wanted to move forward with the proposal, one option would be to take the proposal to the chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee, Davy Jones, to see about coming up with wording that captured the desired intent. Otherwise, the SC could vote. Quinn said that he preferred working with Jones about the language and would return to the SC with revised language

3. [Change to Graduation Standards: BS in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles](#)

The Chair invited Professor Vanessa Jackson to explain what had transpired since the last time the item was discussed. Guest Jackson said that she took the suggestions back to departmental faculty, who approved the revisions that were before the SC – the proposal requested a change so that students must have no less than a C in any pre-major, professional support or major requirement course.

In response to a question from the Chair about pre-major requirements, Jackson explained that courses such as SOC 100 were typical of pre-major requirements.

Anderson **moved** to send the proposal to change the graduation standards for a BS in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective fall 2009. Swanson **seconded**. After some brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with seven in favor and one opposed.

4. [Preliminary Discussion on Proposal for Senate IT Committee](#)

The Chair suggested that a small group look into the proposal further, as opposed to holding an open discussion on the proposal. A handful of individuals were identified, and Kelly agreed to organize and be responsible for returning a recommendation to the SC.

5. [New Graduate Certificate in Clinical and Translational Science](#)

Kelly reminded SC members that the primary concerns raised in the fall pertained to there being no formal criteria by which applicants can recognize the completion of research, as well as to associated faculty being included in the certificate staffing who do not hold graduate standing. He explained that in response, there was now a one-credit course that a student would use to satisfy the research requirement, and faculty without graduate status were removed from the proposal. Kelly ended by saying that the revised proposal went back through the College of Medicine, as well as received positive reviews by the chairs of the Health Care Colleges Council and the Graduate Council.

Wood suggested that some wording changes¹ be made to the second paragraph under the heading "Target Audience and Admission Requirements," which Kelly agreed to:

Students admitted to the Certificate curriculum must ~~be admitted as either~~meet the minimum Graduate School requirements for admission either for post-baccalaureate status or as degree-seeking graduate students, if applicable, and must be approved for admission by the CCTS Training, Education, and Mentoring (TEAM) Leadership Committee.

Wood **moved** to send the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in Clinical and Translational Science to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective spring 2009. Swanson **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. [Receipt of Report on Undergraduate Certificates from Undergraduate Council](#)

There was very brief discussion.

Yanarella **moved** to send the proposal to the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee for further review. Jensen **seconded**. There were no comments, so a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent.

The Chair said that the report should be officially received. There were no objections, so he ruled the report from the Undergraduate Council regarding undergraduate certificates to be received.

7. [Planning for Gen Ed Discussion](#)

SC members and Guest Susan Carvalho engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding a variety of aspects of Gen Ed, including the Citizenship component, transparency in vetting, and how the curricular templates will be presented to the Senate.

After some time, Yanarella **moved** that a new gen ed curriculum be voted up or down via a single vote in the May meeting. Wood **seconded**. SC members engaged in additional discussion

¹ Underline formatting denotes added text and strikethrough indicates deleted text.

about the May meeting. A **vote** was then taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. Carvalho asked about the language pertaining to delivery models and implementation and wondered if it should be removed so that the Senate does not vote on that feasibility information. The Chair thought that such information should indeed be removed.

8. [Ethics Committee Ruling on Faculty Textbooks and Royalties](#)

SC members discussed a recent ruling by UK's Ethics Committee on a faculty member utilizing his or her own authored textbook in his or her class. There were a variety of comments, including concerns about how a faculty member could estimate royalties stemming from use of a textbook used in his or her class. It was ultimately decided that the SC would have a more in-depth review of the matter at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Randall,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Aken, Anderson, Ford, Montell, Jensen, Kelly, Randall, Steiner, Swanson, Wood and Yanarella.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Susan Carvalho, Vanessa Jackson, Joe Quinn, Ryan Smith and Kara Sutton.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, April 14, 2009.