

Senate Council  
March 25, 2019

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 25, 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 Vice Chair Jennifer Osterhage called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm. She explained that the Chair [Jennifer Bird-Pollan] was travelling and could not attend.

1. Minutes from March 4, 2019 and Announcements

The Vice Chair said that no comments had been received for the minutes from February 18, 2019. There being **no objections**, the minutes from February 18, 2019 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

At the Vice Chair's request, all those present introduced themselves.

The Vice Chair offered two announcements. The 2018-19 University calendar had included March 20 as the last day to apply to graduate for undergraduate students for a May 2019 graduation. That was also the date by which graduate students had to apply, but graduate students were not explicitly mentioned. The Vice Chair explained that the deadline had already passed, but the date to graduate for graduate students had been added.

The Vice Chair explained that the Chair was working with Staff Senate Chair Jon Gent regarding employees on phased retirement and service on the Staff Senate and University Senate, as well as employees on phased retirement serving as trustee. The Vice Chair said that trustee elections were currently ongoing, so the Chair preferred to send out a survey to gauge interest in changing existing policies this coming fall. The Vice Chair added that the Chair intended to ask for SC members' input into the survey during the SC's retreat in May.

2. Request for Non-Standard Calendars from College of Health Sciences

- a. AT 640 and 643, and AT 641 and 644
- b. CSD 659
- c. MLS 481, 482, and 483
- d. PAS 660, 669, 661, 671, 665, 662, 670, 664, 663, and 665
- e. PT 838

The Vice Chair explained the proposed changes. Guest Janice Kuperstein (HS/Rehabilitation Sciences, associate dean for clinical affairs) explained that there were two primary reasons for the requests. To meet program accreditation requirements, students were required to complete a specific number of clinical hours. Also, ensuring students are reliably present at their clinical sites will help maintain positive relationships with clinical partners.

Cross **moved** to approve the nonstandard calendars for AT 640 and 643, AT 641 and 644, CSD 659, MLS 481, MLS 482, MLS 483, PAS 660, PAS 669, PAS 661, PAS 671, PAS 665, PAS 662, PAS 670, PAS 664, PAS 663, PAS 665, and PT 838. Grossman **seconded**. There were a few questions of fact from SC members. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Proposed Change to 2018-19 College of Dentistry Calendar

The Vice Chair explained that in response to student requests, the College of Dentistry changed the 2018-19 hooding ceremony date from Friday to Saturday. Students had expressed concern that holding the ceremony on a weekday might prevent some families from attending. Cramer **moved** to approve the

proposed change to the 2018-19 College of Dentistry calendar and Hamilton **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 4. Committee Reports

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

##### i. Proposed New MS in Science Translation and Outreach

Cramer, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. The Vice Chair called for factual questions and there were a few. The **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MS degree: Science Translation and Outreach, in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Vice Chair called for debate but there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Because the contact person had not yet arrived, SC members were amenable to skipping ahead for the moment.

##### iii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Aerospace Engineering

Cramer explained the proposal and he and Guest Suzanne Smith (EN/Mechanical Engineering) answered questions. There were a variety of questions of fact, many of which pertained to the faculty of record. When the discussion turned to debate, Vice Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Aerospace Engineering, in the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

During debate, the faculty of record was again the primary topic of discussion. SC members commented that new program forms should include descriptions of both the founding faculty of record in addition to descriptions of how members of the faculty of record (and the director of the faculty of record) would be identified, removed, etc. Smith agreed to make some modifications to the language describing the faculty of record. When there were no further comments, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### iv. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Positive Youth Development

Cramer explained the proposal and there was one question of fact. The Vice Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Positive Youth Development, in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### v. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Family and Consumer Sciences

Cramer explained the proposal and there was one question of fact. The Vice Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Family and Consumer Sciences, in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Fundraising and Development

Cramer explained the proposal. Guest Rachel Shane (FA/Arts Administration, department chair) answered one question of fact. The Vice Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a

recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Fundraising and Development, in the Department of Arts Administration within the College of Fine Arts. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

Guest Roger Brown (AG/Agricultural Economics) expressed serious concern that the proposed graduate certificate was very similar to an existing graduate certificate offered by the Martin School [“Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management”] He said that if a prospective student was looking into applying to the Martin School’s certificate, the student could easily be confused if the Fundraising and Development certificate was also available. Brown and Shane had a lengthy exchange regarding Brown’s assertion that the proposal was perhaps too broadly named and that it appeared to replicate the Martin School’s existing certificate. Shane asserted that her proposed new graduate certificate was completely online, which differed substantially from the Martin School’s certificate. Furthermore, Shane explained that at the request of the Martin School, she had changed some wording in two of the course proposals associated with her graduate certificate proposal, so there should be no overlap. There were no additional comments.

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

#### 6. Discussion on Review Committee for the Institute for Free Enterprise

The Vice Chair explained that the Chair was seeking SC’s continued input into the Review Committee for the Institute for Free Enterprise, specifically regarding the membership. In addition to the chair of the Review Committee, three of SC’s previous nominees have agreed to serve as members. One of those members is retiring over the summer, but was still willing to participate. The Chair wanted SC’s opinion about including that individual. The Review Committee’s chair also suggested that one of the members of the Senate’s Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) at the time the original proposal was discussed would be good additions; he suggested three specific individuals. The Chair also wanted SC’s thoughts about those three individuals.

After discussion, SC members made it clear that they were not concerned about the one individual’s impending retirement; the sentiment expressed was that if the individual was willing to serve, so be it.

Grossman **moved** to nominate the three individuals mentioned in the Chair’s email that was handed out and Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. Ms. Brothers asked if SC members wanted to re-review the membership if any of the three who were newly proposed could not participate. SC members indicated that if any of the three were unable to serve, no additional nominees needed to be brought to SC. After a brief sidebar, Cross agreed to serve as a fifth member of the Review Committee if all three newly proposed members were unable to serve, to bring the size of the Review Committee to five members.

#### 7. Nominees for Area and Advisory Committees

SC members discussed nominees for academic area advisory committees and other committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Osterhage,  
Senate Council Vice Chair

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SC members present: Blonder, Brion, Collett, Cramer, Cross, Grossman, Hamilton, McCormick, Osterhage, Spear, and Walker.

Invited guests present: Jennifer Hunter, Mark Mains, Rachel Shane, Suzanne Smith, and Paul Vincelli.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.