

Senate Council  
March 28, 2016

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 28, 2016 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 Andrew Hippisley called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from March 7, 2016 and Announcements

The Chair said that no corrections were received for the minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes from March 7, 2016 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair had a few announcements.

- The Public Art Forum held on March 21 was a success – the W. T. Young Library Auditorium was about three-quarters full and the audience was engaged. No decisions were made but discussion led to the idea that faculty should be more involved in the art that is placed around campus, as well as where it is placed.
- Provost Tracy dissolved the position of Senior Associate Provost for Academic Excellence and the person who was in that position has willingly returned to the faculty. Kraemer commented that in the future, such a high-level position should have been filled only after the position's duties were described and announced.

The Chair asked Wood to comment on the faculty survey to evaluate President Eli Capilouto. Wood responded that she sent out the email invitation for faculty to participate in the survey. The survey will be open for three weeks – Wood said she will send out a reminder in one week, the following week, and the day before the survey closes. She noted that the survey platform, REDCAP, tracks who has responded and who has not and can send reminders only to those who have not completed the survey.

Wood, also chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), explained that the petition round of the faculty trustee election closed at noon and that four petitions were received. She said that there would be two rounds of voting – the first round winnows the field to three and the second round (to be finished by the third week in April) identifies a final winner. She noted that the voting site has to be reconfigured between the first and second rounds, resulting in a delay of one week between the first and second voting rounds. There was brief discussion about the use of two rounds of voting and Wood said she would put the issue on the SREC's agenda for future discussion.

The Chair said that the guests for the first agenda item ("Final Report from ad hoc Calendar Committee") could not arrive until 4:30, at which time that agenda item and the others under "Old Business" could be discussed. There were no objections from SC members.

3. Candidates for Degrees

The Chair welcomed Guest Cleo Price (GS, assistant dean), who explained the problem with the degree applications for students CM-91 and JB-86.

a. Late Addition to December 2015 Degree list (*per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2*) for Graduate School Student CM-91

The Chair said that he would entertain a motion for approval. Porter **moved** to add student CM-91 to the December 2015 degree list and Wilson **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Late Addition to December 2015 Degree list (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2) for Graduate School Student JB-86

Porter **moved** to add student JB-86 to the December 2015 degree list and Brown **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Late Addition August 2015 Degree list (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2) for Arts and Sciences Student BK-29

Guest Ruth Beattie (AS/Biology, associate dean of advising), explained the petition for student BK-29. In response to the Chair, Beattie explained that the administrative error occurred when an AS staff member told the student in question that diplomas are mailed out three months after graduation. Grossman opined that did not amount to an administrative error because the information shared was factual. Beattie clarified that the root problem was that the student did not apply for the degree.

Grossman **moved** to deny the petition for AS student BK-29 and Wood **seconded**. There was extensive discussion among SC members; some SC members were of the opinion that if the student completed the degree requirements the degree should be awarded, regardless of any other circumstances, while other SC members thought that unless there was an error on UK's part that prevented the student from receiving a diploma, there was no cause for a petition. During discussion, Beattie asserted that it was very unlikely that a degree application card was lost by the office in question because of the existing process of immediately scanning in a degree application and putting that in a student's electronic file and filing the hard copy, too. Wilson suggested giving students a receipt for paper-based degree applications. In response to Mazur, Beattie said that if the petition was denied, the student would receive their degree as of May 2016 instead of their desired date of August 2015.

Eventually, a **vote** was taken on the motion to deny the petition and the motion **failed** with one in favor and six opposed. Bailey **moved** to approve the late addition of BK-29 to the August 2015 degree list and Wilson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed and six in favor.

d. Late Addition to May 2014 Degree list (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2) for Arts and Sciences Student EJ-37

Beattie explained the petition for AS student EJ-37 and said there was clear administrative error in that the student's degree application was filed in the incorrect year's batch of applications. Grossman **moved** to approve the late addition of EJ-37 to the May 2014 degree list and Mazur **seconded**. There was brief discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair commented that the SC office was now including the Registrar's office in the petition process to ensure all is in order for such petitions.

e. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (May 2015 Degree List) for Arts and Sciences Student BN-58: Bestow BA German and BA Psychology and Rescind BA Psychology with Second Major in German

Beattie explained the petition for AS student BN-58 and SC members discussed the request. Grossman **moved** to deny the petition, saying it was unlikely that the SAP system had somehow lost the student's application to change their major; the student had already graduated and had a degree. Wood **seconded**. There was additional discussion among those present. There were questions among some of those present as to whether or not it was reasonable to believe the student's assertion that someone in

the Registrar's office told the student that the German degree diploma was damaged and had been reordered, which was the basis for the claim of administrative error. There was additional discussion.

A **vote** was taken on the motion to deny the petition and the motion **failed** with two in favor and five opposed. Porter **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that the elected faculty senators amend May 2015 degree list adopted at the May 4, 2015 Senate meeting by bestowing for Arts and Sciences Student BN-58 a BA German and BA Psychology and rescinding the BA Psychology with second major in German. Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with five in favor and two opposed.

f. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (May 2009 Degree List) for Arts and Sciences Student FR-52: Bestow BS Sociology (May 2015) and BS Psychology (May 2015) and Rescind BA Psychology with Second Major in Sociology (December 2009)

Beattie explained the petition for AS student FR-52. Although the student's original degree (BA Psychology with second major in Sociology, December 2009) was not a problem, when the student returned to UK, the student's faculty advisor did not realize the student had already earned a degree and allowed the student to declare a BS Psychology and BS Sociology. The student was not told that they were prohibited from earning a second degree in the same major. The student had therefore completed all requirements for the BS Psychology and BS Sociology and could not now receive either degree, because the student already earned degrees with majors in Psychology and Sociology in 2009.

Porter **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that the elected faculty senators amend the December 2009 degree list adopted at the November 9, 2009 Senate meeting by bestowing for Arts and Sciences Student FR-52 a BS Sociology and BS Psychology in May 2015 and rescinding the BA Psychology with a second major in Sociology (December 2009 degree list). Brown **seconded**. There was discussion and Beattie stated that FR-52 had confirmed their request to have the December 2009 degree rescinded and instead have two degrees granted for May 2015.

Ms. Brothers noted that the Registrar's office was very uncomfortable with the proposed action, identifying three areas of concern: 1. the December 2009 degree was not awarded in error; 2. SC approval of the request could set a precedent that degrees awarded correctly could be rescinded; and 3. there could be legal, financial, professional, and monetary ramifications for the student if the student has used their December 2009 degree as the basis for job employment or other professional activities. There was additional discussion among SC members about the request and about possible alternatives. Porter **withdrew** his motion and Brown **concurred**.

Wilson **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that the elected faculty senators amend the December 2009 degree list adopted at the November 9, 2009 Senate meeting by bestowing for Arts and Sciences Student FR-52 a BA Psychology and rescinding the BA Psychology with a second major in Sociology and bestowing a BS Sociology for May 2015. Porter **seconded**. There was additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with four in favor and three opposed.

4. Nominees for Ombud Search Committee

The Chair explained that the SC needed to identify three faculty to serve on the Ombud Search Committee. Bailey suggested that the Chair solicit nominees from senators and there were no objections.

The Chair said that he had another matter to discuss that was related to the Ombud. The current Ombud was out on medical leave and was not expected to return prior to the semester's end. A

suggestion was made that the Provost's office ask an emeritus faculty member who had previously served as ombud to serve the remainder of the existing term, through June 30. In response to a question, the Chair named the faculty member and a number of SC members offered verbal and nonverbal acknowledgements that the individual in question would do a fine job.

The Chair agreed to the suggestion of a temporary appointment and the retired faculty member had already been contacted and agreed to serve. The Chair explained that he reviewed the pertinent SRs over the weekend and learned that *Senate Rule 6.2.3.C* requires a full search to be conducted in the event of a vacancy in the ombud position. The Chair apologized for not having reviewed the SRs more fully and asked if SC would be amenable to waiving the pertinent SR. Brown **moved** that the SC waive *Senate Rules 6.2.3.C* to allow the retired faculty member already contacted to serve the remainder of the current Ombud's term and Wilson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. In accordance with SRs, the SC asked that the waiver be communicated to Senate at its next meeting.

#### 5. Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations 2:10 ("Voluntary Series Faculty")

The Chair invited Guest Kevin Pearce (ME/Family Practice) and Guest Marcy Deaton (associate legal counsel) to explain the proposed changes, which they did. SC members had a handful of suggestions, which were amenable to both Pearce and Deaton.

- Change wording so that members of a Voluntary Faculty Evaluation Committee are elected by secret ballot (similar to faculty councils), instead of members being appointed by the educational unit administrator or designee.
- Change references to "voluntary faculty members" to "voluntary faculty employees" to prevent conferring membership in the educational unit's faculty. (It was confirmed that it was acceptable to also note that "voluntary faculty employees" are unpaid.)

Grossman **moved** to endorse the changes to *Administrative Regulations 2:10* ("Voluntary Series Faculty") with the two changes (secret ballot elections, which can be delegated to college rules and reverting to "employee" terminology) and Wood **seconded**. After additional brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Guests for one of the "Old Business" agenda items arrived, so the Chair suggested their item be discussed, next, and there were no objections.

#### 2. Old Business

##### a. Final Report from ad hoc Calendar Committee

The Chair explained that when the SC last reviewed the final report from the ad hoc Calendar Committee, the only two concerns were ensuring that college deans were supportive and that the proposed summer dates were for a summer session that had already passed. The Chair noted that Provost Tim Tracy had presented the proposal to deans and there were no objections and new dates were included. Guest Kevin Real (CI/Communication), chair of the ad hoc Calendar Committee, introduced Guest Margaret Bausch (ED/Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling, chair of 2012 ad hoc calendar committee) and Guest David Timoney (Registrar's office). Real, Bausch, and Timoney answered questions from SC members.

The Chair noted that the **motion** to approve the recommendations of the ad hoc Calendar Committee in its final report came from committee, so no **second** was needed. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

## 6. Committee Reports

### a. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Ernie Bailey, Chair

#### i. Proposed New Lewis Honors College (preliminary discussion)

Bailey, chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), explained the SAOSC's deliberations thus far regarding the proposed new Lewis Honors College. Guests Ben Withers (FA/Art and Visual Studies, associate provost for undergraduate education) and Diane Snow (ME/Anatomy and Neurobiology, interim Honors Program director) discussed a variety of issues with SC members about two primary issues, the transition committee and faculty effort.

- What is the appropriate size and membership for the transition committee?
  - What percentage of members should represent historical Honors knowledge?
  - What percentage of members should represent the current Honors faculty of record?
  - What percentage of members should represent faculty not currently involved in Honors but may have been before?
  - What percentage of members should represent administrators, such as department chairs?
  - Should a percentage of the membership be dedicated to chairs of Senate committees?
  - Should deans be approached for nominations, or the faculty of the colleges?
  
- When faculty have time allocated to the proposed new Honors College, how will the loss of their effort in their home academic units be compensated for?

SC members were receptive to Kraemer's suggestion that Provost Tim Tracy sit in during the next SC meeting when the proposed Lewis Honors College will be discussed again, noting the Provost will have to take a major leadership role to ensure that colleges are collaborative and supportive of the proposed Lewis Honors College. The Chair said he would ask if Provost Tracy could attend the SC meeting on April 4.

## 7. Proposed Changes to Governing Regulations VII ("University Organization")

SC members discussed the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations VII* ("University Organization"). Grossman noted that the University Senate does not approve departmental or college rules. There was additional discussion.

Given the time, the Chair said that he would entertain a motion for adjournment and items not reviewed during the meeting would be placed on the agenda for the next SC meeting.

Mazur **moved** to adjourn and Bailey **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Blonder, Brown, Grossman, Hippisley, Kraemer, Mazur, Porter, Wilson, and Wood.

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Invited guests present: Margaret Bausch, Ruth Beattie, Marcy Deaton, Cleo Price, Kevin Pearce, Kevin Real, Diane Snow, David Timoney, Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.