Senate Council
March 29, 2010

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 29, 2010 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a voice vote unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Dave Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements
The Chair noted that Anderson and Swanson were absent. Turning to announcements, he explained that early in the semester, he, Swanson and Provost's Liaison Greissman discussed a variety of issues for spring. One particular item pertained to a December commencement ceremony. He noted that about 40% of students finish their degrees in December.

Those present discussed at length the possibility of initiating a December commencement effective 2010, as well as correlated December honorary degrees, noting possible issues with the end of the semester approaching. After some time, it was ultimately agreed that Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School, would be asked to offer a proposal to the SC for honorary degrees at a December commencement, and that the issue would move forward as quickly as it could.

2. Proposed Change to Engineering Standing Requirements for Chemical Engineering
The Chair invited Doug Kalika (chair, Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering) to explain the proposal and Guest Kalika did so.

The Chair suggested that SC members move on to subsequent agenda items, due to other waiting guests.

3. Proposed Change to Minor in Computer Science
Those present introduced themselves. The Chair invited Ken Calvert (chair, Department of Computer Science) to explain the proposed changes to the minor in Computer Science. Guest Calvert did so, and answered a few questions.

Proposed Change to Engineering Standing Requirements for Chemical Engineering
Chappell **moved** to approve the proposed change to Engineering Standing requirements for Chemical Engineering and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective fall 2010. Nokes **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Proposed Change to Minor in Computer Science
Chappell **moved** to approve the proposed change to the minor in Computer Science and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective fall 2010. Jensen **seconded**. There was brief discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Winter Intersession Report
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Mike Mullen offered a brief presentation on the Winter Intersession (WI). Afterwards, Guest Mullen answered a wide variety of questions from SC members. Mullen agreed to return the following Monday with additional data on two issues. He said he would bring data on students who take WI courses that are "sequenced" to see if they are as prepared for the

next course. Grossman suggested this information could illustrate if there is sufficient knowledge retention.

The other issue that concerned SC members was that of cost, and if a WI could be a drain on funding. Mullen said he would look into that issue, as well.

The idea of another WI pilot was briefly discussed; Yanarella expressed concern about infinite pilots, and suggested the WI be voted up or down.

5. Gen Ed Implementation Issues
Mullen discussed Gen Ed issues with SC members, particularly the vetting team compositions and the possibility of a steering committee.

After substantial discussion, Thelin **moved** that the SC give a positive recommendation to reappointing a General Education Steering committee, and for that body to be charged with planning the second part of the Gen Ed implementation proposal. Yanarella **seconded**. There was discussion about the wording and ultimate intent of the motion, what type of representative nature the committee should have, and the need to include "new" people on the steering committee. It was determined that the proposed steering committee would be appointed by the Chair, with the Senate approving the appointments. SC members agreed that the intent of the motion was for a slate of candidates to be developed in consultation with Mullen, with the University Senate holding the responsibility of approving the composition.

The Chair said that he would ask four or five SC members to help identify a slate of names for the SC and Mullen to review

7. Various Changes to *Administrative Regulations* for Endorsement
The Chair asked Associate General Counsel Marcy Deaton to explain the revisions to the four A*dministrative Regulation* changes.

- *Administrative Regulation 10:2* ("Information Technology Advisory Committees")

Guest Deaton explained the changes to the regulation, and answered a few questions. It was noted that this particular change was the direct result of a request by the Provost for greater faculty involvement in Information Technology.

Chappell **moved** to endorse the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulation 10:2* ("Information Technology Advisory Committees") and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Steiner **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

- *Administrative Regulation 4:7* ("Student Financial Aid Appeals and Advisory Committee")

Jensen **moved** to endorse the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulation 4:7* ("Student Financial Aid Appeals and Advisory Committee") and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Steiner **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

- *Administrative Regulation 4:9* ("Heidelberg Scholarship Committee")

SC members expressed concern that in updating the terminology from language reflecting a chancellor system to a provost system, there may have been an inappropriate title substitution. The Chair suggested Deaton look into the language further and return with the *AR* at a later date, and she agreed.

- *Administrative Regulation 3:4* ("Out-Of-State Employment or Assignment of Faculty and Staff") Deaton explained the changes to *AR 3:4*, noting there were no substantive changes.

Chappell **moved** to endorse the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulation 3:4* ("Out-Of-State Employment or Assignment of Faculty and Staff") and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Jensen **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

8. Proposed New Name for Cardiovascular Research Center
Mrs. Brothers provided SC members with a brief update on the proposal.

9. Improve the Senate
The Chair suggested that thoughts on improving the Senate be discussed during a May SC retreat. Steiner asked that possible dates be offered.

6. Discussion on Revised Administrative Regulations 2:9 ("Lecturer Title Series")
Greissman summarized the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 2:9* ("Lecturer Title Series"). It was determined that the proposal would go to the Senate in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Randall,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Chappell, Grossman, Kelly, Kirk, Jensen, Nokes, Randall, Steiner, Thelin and Yanarella.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Ken Calvert, Marcy Deaton, Douglas Kalika, and Mike Mullen.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, April 22, 2010.