

Senate Council  
March 6, 2017

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 6, 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 February 27, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair reported that she had not received any suggestions or edits for the minutes. There being **no objection**, the minutes from February 27 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair had a variety of announcements.

- The Undergraduate Council is now reviewing a proposal from the UK Core Education Committee about a new diversity and inclusion graduation requirement; the Chair noted that the proposed new requirement would not take the form of a new course requirement.
- The Senate Council office has worked with the Provost Tim Tracy's office to find times for the Provost to address faculty about the structural changes in the Provost's area. The forums targeting faculty will be held later in the week on Wednesday and Thursday and will be one way for faculty to hear about the changes to undergraduate education. It will also be useful in terms of learning about units with which a faculty member does not often engage.
- The Chair has invited George Kuh, a national leader in high impact student practices and ways in which faculty and professional staff approach student success, to visit campus. He will give a presentation, open to campus, on the afternoon of March 20. More details will be available soon.
- The Chair plans to attend the April 7 meeting of COSFL (Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership). The Chair extended an invitation to SC members to also attend, but noted that only UK's four official representatives (the SC chair, two faculty trustees, and UK's representative to the American Association of University Professors) will have voting rights. A handful of SC members indicated a desire to attend.
- The Chair said she was contacted by Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement G. T. Lineberry about his coming to SC to talk about a wholly online process for distribution of effort (DOE) forms. SAP is the focus of an enormous amount of effort – Information Technology Services is focusing the efforts of the vast majority of its project-related employees on ensuring SAP's ongoing stability, so it is not likely that the new DOE will be rolled out this semester. One new aspect of the digitized DOE is that it will originate in the chair's office, rather than with the faculty member.
- The Chair said that Lineberry also requested nominees to serve on a faculty performance appeals committee. In response to comments from SC members, she said she would send the solicitation out via email to SC members.

- The Chair reminded SC members that it was the season for soliciting nominees for academic area advisory committees and other committees. Ms. Brothers encouraged SC members to reach out to colleagues to solicit nominations.

The Chair reported that Kehrwald was out due to illness, so the discussion on leaves of absence would be postponed until a future date.

~~2. Discussion on Voluntary and Involuntary Leaves of Absence— Interim Dean of Students Nick Kehrwald~~

3. Update on Ad Hoc Committee on *Administrative Regulations 6:2* – Jennifer Bird-Pollan, Chair

Bird-Pollan gave SC members an update on the workings and deliberations of the ad hoc Committee on *Administrative Regulations 6:2*, which she chairs. Bird-Pollan reported that there was a handful of thorny issues that the Committee was still discussing, but there were other aspects about which the Committee was ready to make recommendations. She added that it would be useful to have SC members' comments and ideas at the present time, so they could be addressed before writing the final report. She also clarified that the SC subsequently charged the Committee with reviewing a draft of a questionnaire that President Eli Capilouto would like prospective faculty employees to complete as a requirement for employment, as well as review *Administrative Regulations 6:1* ("Policy on Discrimination and Harassment").

Bird-Pollan reviewed the activities of the Committee, as well as identified the five issues that the Committee was still actively discussing. There were a variety of comments and questions from SC members during the hour-long discussion.

4. *Senate Rules* and the Responsibilities Assigned to (now defunct) Undergraduate Education Positions

The Chair initiated this discussion. SC members offered suggestions about the best way to resolve the current inconsistencies in the *Senate Rules*, resulting from the structural reorganization in the Provost's office. Eventually, Cross **moved** to ask that the Chair request that the Provost's area provide language/positions to replace the now outdated positions in the *Senate Rules* that are within the Provost's purview. Schroeder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for March 20, 2017

SC members discussed the proposed agenda. Ms. Brothers noted that the guest presenter for the University Appeals Board report requested he be placed at the beginning of the agenda because he has a class at 3 pm. The Chair said she has asked that the proposed parking map be provided to senators ahead of the meeting, but a response has not been forthcoming. When asked about just posting a scanned version that was handed out to SC, the Chair responded that she preferred to post an official version, as provided by Parking and Transportation.

Wood **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for March 20, 2017 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules. Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

There were a number of items discussed. The Chair began by stating that the mural in Memorial Hall was set to be unveiled on March 23. She was approached by Terry Allen, interim vice president for institutional diversity, about the possibility of reaching out to the seven or so faculty who hold class in Memorial Hall. Her understanding of the intent of the conversation was to encourage those faculty who

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taught in Memorial Hall to have a discussion about the mural during class time or when students approached the faculty with comments or concerns. SC members thought it was most appropriate for Allen to call the faculty directly – there was no need to involve the SC.

Mazur asked if there was any update on the data integrity issues raised previously by SC. The Chair said that she had no specific updates, other than that the Office of Institutional Effectiveness will now be housed under the Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Implementation. She was hopeful that this will result in greater coordination and collaboration, and better data. The Chair said that she was invited to attend a meeting, chaired by the Provost, of the units responsible for data across the campus led by the Provost. Also present was Brian Nichols, UK's chief information officer. The Provost shared a concern regarding potential redundancy in the generation of program review data and the burden this places on the units, suggesting that the work being performed to that end should mesh with the various ongoing accreditation reports and activities – he did not see any value in creating the same data twice, sometimes in only slightly differing formats. The Chair opined that it was a fairly forceful message and she looked forward to hearing about progress and improvements in this area. There were a few anecdotal comments from SC members about problems with program data.

SC members briefly discussed the United States' president's new executive order on refugees and immigration from six particular countries. The sense of the SC seemed to be that while the newest executive order would still cause a number of problems in terms of recruiting from the six countries, it was not something the SC should be actively involved in at the present time.

Schroeder commented that she and Ms. Brothers had sent an email to find out about whether SACS (Southern Association for Colleges and Schools) still required differentiation between undergraduate and graduate students in 400G- and 500-level courses. When an answer was received, it would be reported to SC.

There was a brief discussion about the legislation working its way through the Senate and House in Frankfort, which would give the Governor much broader responsibilities with regard to removing trustees from university governing boards who he believed were not carrying out their related responsibilities.

The **motion** to adjourn by Bailey, which was **seconded** by Wood, was well received by SC members, who left before a vote could be called. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Bird-Pollan, Botts, Cross, Grossman, Lauersdorf, McCormick, McGillis, Mazur, Reid, Schroeder, and Wood.

Invited guests present: none.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.