

Senate Council
November 1, 2010

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm in 103 Main Building on Monday, November 1, 2010. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair offered thanks to Provost's Liaison Greissman. She explained that the new chair of the Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) is Walter Ferrier (BE/Management), and at her request Ferrier was added to the University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (UCAPP). Greissman accepted her appreciation on behalf of Provost Subbaswamy.

Additional names of faculty from the College of Agriculture were requested to finalized the composition of the University's IT Coordinating Committee, and SC members offered a variety of names.

Grossman **moved** and Nokes **seconded** approval of the SC minutes from October 4, 2010, and the SC minutes from October 18, 2010 as distributed. There were no objections, so the minutes were **approved**.

2. Action Items

The Chair reported on the completion of a number of Action Items **[AI]**. Action item number 16 ("Identify faculty representative for University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (UCAPP) by August 23."), action item number 18 ("Ask Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs to mention during new faculty orientation the requirement that final exam grades be submitted within 72 hour of administering the exam."), action item number 29 ("Contact Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs about having a faculty member attend the AAUP workshop in Louisville on October 30."), and action item number 30 were completed ("Suggest new student induction ceremony be announced to all faculty, clearly stating that faculty are welcome & invited to attend the ceremony."). SC members engaged in a brief discussion regarding mid-term grading. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Chair would make an announcement during the February University Senate (Senate) meeting regarding the need for faculty to submit mid-term grades, particularly for undergraduate students. The Chair would also make an announcement in December to senator regarding the need for faculty to submit grades within 72 hours of completion of the final exam, and not on the Monday following finals week.

There was one item of Old Business. The Chair asked if anyone present was willing to serve as the SC rep to the Graduate Council. There were no volunteers.

3. December 2010 Degree List

Thelin commented that a particular student in the College of Education was listed as under the wrong degree type. Mrs. Brothers asked that he email the information to her, and that she would forward it on to the appropriate individuals.

Chappell **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's December 2010 list of candidates for credentials, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as

the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board. Anderson **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Gen Ed Update – Planning for Senate Action

The Chair invited Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Mike Mullen to explain the report, and Guest Mullen did so. He asked for guidance as to what exactly was to be presented to the Senate the following week, and the manner in which it would be done. He commented that at the May 2010 meeting the Senate essentially stated that it required showing that the program would work, and that the courses would be available. SC members and Mullen engaged in a wide-ranging discussion regarding the report itself and hiring of faculty for class size issues, as well as how the issue would be presented to the Senate in accordance with appropriate parliamentary procedure. The Chair asked Parliamentarian Catherine Seago to review that issue. The SC continued its discussion.

Seago then said that regarding a first and second reading of a major policy decision, the *Senate Rules* recommend that the item be placed on an agenda for discussion only, with action during the subsequent meeting. In response to a question from Mullen, Seago said that a motion must be presented to the Senate during the first reading, but no formal vote will take place during that meeting. There will be a time for motions and reflections to amend the proposal during the second reading (in December).

The Chair then suggested that the Senate see pages one through five, including section four. Greissman suggested the document be placed online, so the entire content can be accessible. Mullen said that it could be on the Gen Ed website, and the Chair said that it would also be posted on the Senate website.

SC members then discussed additional aspects of the Gen Ed agenda item, including more about the report itself, as well as the motion to present to the Senate for discussion. Grossman suggested that the Senate be presented with a motion to approve the implementation of the Senate-approved General Education curriculum for implementation in fall 2010 for incoming students. There was then a general wordsmithing discussion about the motion. The final motion was that the Senate approve the implementation of the General Education curriculum for fall 2011 for all incoming undergraduate students.

Seago said that her Parliamentarian's report would cover first and second readings under the Senate's rules. She also said that the rules indicated that there is a process for submitting amendments to the motion, which can be introduced at the December meeting. After brief discussion, it was decided that input into the report should be emailed to the Chair, and CC'd to Mullen.

6. Tentative Senate Agenda for November 8

SC members had no objection to the proposed agenda.

The Chair then asked Steiner, one of the faculty representative members of the Presidential Search Committee, to share information with the Senate regarding the Presidential Search Committee, and he did so. He and SC members discussed confidentiality agreements, and then Staff Trustee Sheila Brothers offered her opinion about the respective roles of the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee in the search for a new University president.

SC members then engaged in a discussion about how and when it would be best to solicit input from the faculty in general. SC members decided to hold three town hall meetings with SC members in

attendance, at various times and places across campus, with one of the town hall meetings to occur prior to the November Senate meeting, and publicize them via a mass email and word of mouth by senators, with the purpose of informing the faculty trustees of the faculty opinion about UK's next president. SC decided that Board members should be invited to attend if they want, as well as the other members of the Presidential Search Committee. The Chair said that she would contact the chair of the Board of Trustees, as well as the chair of the Presidential Search Committee. Senators will be sent announcements of the town hall meetings, and asked to spread the word among colleagues.

5. Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations 1:2

Faculty trustee Joe Peek used a flow chart to illustrate the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations 1:2 (AR 1:2)*. Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it endorse the proposed changes to *AR 1:2* and Steiner **seconded**.

Grossman asked if members of administration had seen the regulation. Guest Marcy Deaton (Legal Counsel) explained that she had been instructed to solicit input into the regulation and have it in final format before presenting it to President Todd and members of the President's Cabinet. Greissman commented that he had not shared the changes with Provost Subbaswamy.

After additional questions and answers, a **vote** was taken and the motion that the SC recommend to the Senate that it endorse the proposed changes to *AR 1:2* **passed** with none opposed.

8. Senate Committee Preferences, Round 3

After a solicitation to fill out committee preference sheets was sent to senators, approximately 20 senators sent in preference sheets, hence the agenda item needing SC approval.

Grossman **moved** to approve the committee compositions as presented, and **Nokes** seconded. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair commented that the Senate's Academic Facilities Committee was off and running – the chair, John Rawls (AS/Biology), had already contacted the Provost.

7. Deliberation on Vetting of Governing Regulations VII

SC members engaged in a discussion with Greissman regarding the best way to vet proposed changes to *Governing Regulations VII (GR VII)*. He referred to the recently-created themes regarding the proposed changes, and suggested that particular document be used as the starting point for discussions, to get general direction about what faculty think about the proposed changes. The Chair said that the proposed changes, the principles and the themes were on the Current Events page of the Senate's website.

SC members then engaged in a discussion about the vetting of *GR VII*.

After the discussion, it was realized that the tentative Senate agenda had not been formally approved. Grossman **moved** and Chappell **seconded** that the SC approve the

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Chappell, Grossman, Kelly, Nokes, Peek, Randall, Steiner and Thelin.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Guests: Mike Mullen and Catherine Seago.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, November 11, 2010.

#	√	Item	Responsibility	Completed
5.		SC subset to examine and revise the description of the administrative coordinator's job duties with a view towards increasing compensation. (7/14/10)	Grossman, Jensen, Chair	
6.		Develop charge for Senate's Committee on Committees. Include in the charge that it explore need/establishment of committee for "grievances," as well as "graduate student/post-doc education and related issues." (7/14/10; 8/30/10)	SC	
12.	√	Discuss expansion of EEP with Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs to allow transfer to be used for graduate coursework. (7/14/10)	Chair	8/2010
	√	Discuss expansion of EEP with Provost Subbaswamy (6 credits per semester). (8/16/10)	Chair	9/2010
		Clarify with Provost Subbaswamy the term "cost-neutral" WRT a pilot for graduate credit EEP transfer to partner/spouse/dependent.	Chair	
13.	√	Add chair of Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee to COSFL listserv. (7/14/10)	Mrs. Brothers / Chair	11/2010
17.		Create web-based mechanism for faculty to offer input into the President's annual evaluation; evaluation process will occur during April. (8/16/10)	SC Anderson	
20.		Charge Senate's Academic Programs Committee with creating processes for substantive change issues (teach-out, contractual/consortium process, off-campus sites, how to reopen a suspended program). 8/23/10	SC	
24.		Review Senate meeting attendance policies. (8/30/10)	SC	
25.	√	Convene Senate committees, charge them, and facilitate identification and election of a chair.	Mrs. Brothers / Chair	
26.		Query VP IRPE Connie Ray about number of administrators at UK vs. benchmark institutions. (9/20/10)	Mrs. Brothers	
27.		Send SC's spring evaluation of President Todd to all Board of Trustees members. Share SC's spring evaluation of President Todd with faculty members. Create numerical ratings for the Board's evaluation in early fall and submit those privately. (9/20/10)	SC	
28.		Invite the Board of Trustees' chair to a SC meeting. (9/27/10)	Chair	
29.	√	Contact Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs about having a faculty member attend the AAUP workshop in Louisville on October 30. (10/4/10)	Chair	
30.	√	Suggest new student induction ceremony be announced to all faculty, clearly stating that faculty are welcome & invited to attend the ceremony. (10/4/10)	Chair	10/2010
31.		Ask the Provost to submit a statement of financial and administrative feasibility for proposals prior to the proposals being sent to cmt. (10/4/10)	Greissman/SC	
32.		Solicit input from department chairs regarding changes to GR VII. (10/4/10; 10/18/10)	Steiner	
33.	√	Solicit input from center directors regarding changes to GR VII. (10/4/10)	Chair	11/2010
34.		Invite Dean Blackwell to discuss changes to commencement ceremonies. (Invite Tony English.) (10/4/10)	Chair	
35.		Inquire about openness in the president search process. (10/18/10)	Chair	
36.		Send solicitation for Commencement Cmte Co-Chair to college associate deans. (10/18/10)	Mrs. Brothers	
37.	√	Contact VPR Tracy and Dean Blackwell RE: Centers WRT GR VII. (10/18/10)	Chair	11/2010