

Senate Council
November 2, 2015

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, May 11, 2015 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 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from October 26, 2015 and Announcements

The Chair noted there was one editorial correction. There being no additional changes, the minutes from October 26, 2015 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair reported that he had chatted with Provost Tim Tracy about the summer meeting patterns report from the Calendar Committee, which proposed increased flexibility in the summer schedule. He relayed the message that SC wanted the Provost to get feedback from the deans. The Chair reported that Provost Tracy would put the issue on an agenda in the near future for a meeting of the council of deans and communicate any feedback with the Chair.

The Chair also discussed with Provost Tracy the standardized meeting patterns that the University Senate (Senate) recently approved. The Provost asked that the Chair send out an announcement about that to all faculty, which he will do. The Chair also noted that when the Senate voted to approve the standardized meeting patterns, the effective date was not discussed. After consultation with the Registrar's office, the Chair said that the earliest realistic effective date was spring 2017, which seemed reasonable. There were no objections or comments from SC members.

President Eli Capilouto had charged Senate with looking at the Family and Medical Leave Act (FML) policy for faculty, specifically a review of the issue of delayed probationary periods and the intent that FML leave would not negatively affect performance reviews. The Chair said that the University's Regulation Review Committee was looking at language that came about as a result of deliberations on the issue; he said he would ensure that associated *Administrative Regulations (ARs)* and *Governing Regulations (GRs)* would go to Senate, first. In response to questions from McCormick, the Chair said that he would invite the chair of the ad hoc committee whose work was the impetus for revising the language to make a presentation to SC at the time that the revised regulation language is presented to SC.

The Chair invited Faculty Trustee Grossman to give a trustee's report. Grossman reported that the Board of Trustees (Board) met recently and spent most of its time hearing presentations on UK's new Strategic Plan, although there were two other items of interest: the announcement of a very large gift for an Honors College; and a groundbreaking for a new research building. Grossman also spent about 10 minutes reviewing the details of a survey he sent to all faculty and staff about any negative impact resulting from the Thursday, October 15, football game. There was discussion among SC members about what, exactly, the survey results indicated. Near the close of discussion, Brown **moved** that SC post the raw data from the survey without any interpretations or editorializing and Webb **seconded**. After additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

a. Follow-up on Foreign Language Requirement Report - Bruce Webb, SC member/CAFE

Webb shared data with SC members regarding academic standards and accomplishments of students in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (AG). He noted that AG draws disproportionately from rural KY and also mentioned the history of prejudice against rural students based on their economic status and Appalachian roots, even though their academic achievements are as high as non-rural students.

3. Degree Recipient

a. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (August 2009 Degree List): Bestow MM Music Performance and Rescind MA Music Theory for Student KA-06

The Chair asked Guest Cleo Price, Graduate School assistant dean, to explain the need to revisit the motion. Price explained that the student was originally awarded an MA in Music Theory, not the MA in Music Performance that was noted in the Graduate School's memo. The Senate had approved the correct degree, MM in Music Performance, as the degree to bestow in place of what student KA-06 originally received.

There was discussion among SC members. In response to a question from Brown, the Chair said that the issue did have to return to the Senate because the SC acting on behalf of Senate is only necessary when there is no Senate meeting between now and the Board of Trustees meeting.

Guest Catherine Seago, Senate parliamentarian, explained the motion that needed to be made at Senate. Because the Senate was going to be asked to revise its own motion, there was no need for SC to make a recommended motion for Senate – the Senate itself would have to make a motion to amend the motion it previously adopted. There was brief, additional discussion. Price thanked the SC and apologized for the confusion.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Scott Yost, Chair

i. PhD Mining Engineering (Remove World Language Requirement)

Guest Scott Yost, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal to change the PhD Mining Engineering by removing the world language requirement. The Chair noted that the **motion** to approve came from committee, so no **second** was required. There was brief discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstention.

The Chair said that the guest for the next agenda had not yet arrived, so he proposed moving to the next agenda item. There were no objections from SC members.

6. University Appeals Board (UAB) Report for 2014-15 - Joe Fink, Chair

Guest Joe Fink (PH/Pharmacy Practice and Science, UAB chair) gave a report on the 2014-15 activities of the University Appeals Board (UAB). Fink also explained the purpose, composition, functions, and processes of the UAB. There were a number of questions from SC members.

5. Faculty Member's Proposal to Change *Senate Rules 6.3.1* ("Plagiarism")

Guest Richard Charnigo (PbH/Biostatistics) explained that his college requires faculty to place elements of the *Senate Rules* (SR) into syllabi, verbatim. He explained that because PbH faculty are obliged to use the language in the SR, it would be nice to have text that reflects what he presumed was the intent of the original language. Charnigo identified three aspects to revise: current wording seems to preclude peer review exercises in the classroom and help from official University resources, such as the Writing

Center; current wording seems to allow students to work together on take-home exams, even if the professor does not allow that; and current wording seems to disallow group projects or other team-approaches to assignments. Charnigo noted that he did not particularly care if the wording he suggested was used, but rather merely hoped that the language would be sufficiently clarified.

Grossman **moved** to send Charnigo's suggested edits to the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) for review and Porter **seconded**. SC members discussed the proposal. Brown commented that the current *SR* also appeared to prohibit situations where a faculty member instructs students to use specific language in an assignment. Grossman commented that the SAASC could review that issue, too. After additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Tentative Senate Agenda for November 9, 2015

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda for November 9. Bailey **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda and Mazur **seconded**. Grossman suggested putting the UAB report last, as it did not require any action and there were no objections to that. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

There being no further business to attend to, Mazur **moved** to adjourn and McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Brown, Grossman, Hippisley, Kraemer, McCormick, Mazur, Porter, Watt, and Webb.

Invited guests present: Richard Charnigo, Joe Fink, Michael Healy, Braden Lusk, Cleo Price, Catherine Seago, Ben Withers, and Scott Yost.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.