

Senate Council
November 2, 2009

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 2, 2009 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Vice Chair Hollie Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:11 pm. She explained that Chair Randall was in Arizona teaching and would not be present; she would serve as chair for the day's meeting. She noted that a request from an alumnus had been emailed to Chair Randall, requesting that the University Senate (Senate) oppose the renaming of Wildcat Lodge to include "coal." The SC would need to discuss whether or not the SC or Senate should formally take up the Coal Lodge issue. Due to invited guests, Chair Swanson suggested that SC members move to agenda item number two.

2. [Relocation of Masters in Health Administration Degree Program \(from Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and to College of Public Health\)](#)

Jeannine Blackwell, graduate school dean, explained the proposal, saying that the process began about two years ago. Guest Blackwell touched on various aspects of the proposal to relocate the Masters in Health Administration (MHA) from the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration (Martin School) to the College of Public Health that were in the handout. There were a variety of issues that led to the proposal to move the MHA program. Changes were made by the accrediting body (Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education, or CAHME) since the last accreditation visit, such as a shift in direction toward clinical and internship engagements with health enterprises, changed student learning outcomes, and new requirements that primary instructors have a primary appointment in the unit offering the degree instead of drawn from various professional and academic areas. Also, there were difficulties in hiring and retaining health administration and health economics faculty in the MHA program.

After a series of actions taken by the University, the MHA program investigated how they could shape a self study and address the faculty issues. Upon reviewing the reports, Provost Subbaswamy determined that the MHA program should be relocated. He requested and was granted a one-year extension of the accreditation visit, and the proposal to relocate the MHA program has since been through a variety of faculty reviews. Dean Blackwell said that the process had been difficult for the faculty in the Martin School and that while they do not agree with the decision, they had acquiesced and pledged to make sure there is a smooth transition to ensure the needs of students come first. Entering students this fall received a joint welcome from both the Martin School and the College of Public Health, and work was progressing to change the curriculum to meet the CAHME requirements.

College of Public Health Dean Stephen Wyatt commented that the move of the MHA program was not something that the College of Public Health (PbH) had sought out. Guest Wyatt explained that the move was the recommendation of one of the review committees. Due to the existing PbH faculty with chemistry and health administration training, it would be a good fit.

Bill Hoyt (director, Martin School) stated that he was not in entire agreement regarding the accreditation statements made by Dean Blackwell. Guest Hoyt noted that he had been appointed director in January 2009, and shortly afterwards he traveled to Washington, D. C. to meet with CAHME representatives. One thing that was stressed during the visit was that CAHME did not accredit units at a University, but rather it accredited MHA programs at a University. Although accreditation might have

been a challenge, it would not have been an impossible task; some statements regarding accreditation issues were overstated.

Hoyt said that Martin School faculty continued to move forward with the transfer and remain engaged, but that the biggest concern was moving forward and how the unit will be viewed, particularly with respect to resources. The Martin School will lose a large share of its students, and there will be additional reductions the following year. Hoyt noted that one aspect yet to be discussed pertained to a request by a faculty member to move their line from the Martin School to PbH. Hoyt said that he wrote a letter supporting only the move of the faculty member, and not the move of the faculty line itself. Regardless, a faculty line that the Martin School desperately needed was lost to PbH; Hoyt hoped for an acknowledgement and recognition of the loss of resources from the Martin School. He said that a rebound from student losses was possible, but that there should be recognition of that moving forward and an appropriate opportunity to rebound. Hoyt summed up concerns that the Martin School be held harmless going forward.

Hoyt said that the Martin School would continue to offer the master's degree in health policy (as opposed to the MHA), as well as the PhD program in health policy, in which a number of students were enrolled. Dwight Denison (associate professor, Martin School) said that there was a concern from teaching faculty to ensure they had some control over the content of courses that move to PbH, to ensure that two different policy courses are not offered in the future. Blackwell added that there would be more of a policy thrust from the MHA side, with the masters in public administration (MPA) concentrating on health administration or health economics. Regardless, students from both areas would have access to the coursework in the other area.

Chappell requested some clarification – Blackwell stated earlier that the change to the MHA program location came about as a result of a decision made by the Provost, and that the next step was requesting comment and a recommendation from the Senate. Chappell opined that there was a new unit offering the degree program that the new unit had never offered before, and that type of scenario in the past required approval by the Senate. He asked to be directed to the language in UK's regulations that outlined the procedure.

Blackwell said that two things were happening, but that the day's discussion pertained only to relocating the MHA degree program. The second change which would come to the SC would be the change in the degree program content, to meet the new accreditation standards. That program change would be approved by the Senate. Chappell said that he understood what Blackwell had said, but he still wanted to see where in UK's regulations it was written that a move of a degree program from one unit to another could be done at the behest of the Provost.

SC members engaged in additional discussion with the invited guests. After a little while, Chair Swanson suggested it was time for a motion. Citing the other agenda items and the plethora of information digested, Yanarella suggested that moving a motion and discussion wait until later during the meeting. There being no objection, Chair Swanson thanked the guests and they departed.

[3. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 2.1.2 \("Academic Calendar"\)](#)

Chair Swanson invited Susan Skees (College of Agriculture) to explain the proposal, which she did. Afterwards, Guest Skees and the other invited guests (Erica Caton, College of Arts and Sciences and chair, Advising Network and Vicki Schankula, Central Advising Services) discussed the pros and cons of the proposal with SC members.

Rohr **moved** to approve the proposal and Kirk **seconded**. SC members continued to discuss the proposal.

Yanarella and Chappell noted that past suggested modifications to the academic calendar were met with concern from various campus areas and said it would be a good idea to have input from those areas prior to making any final decisions. Skees noted that both Mike Mullen (associate provost for undergraduate education) and Don Witt (University registrar) both supported the proposal.

Chappell **offered a friendly amendment** to instead appoint an ad hoc committee to survey University constituencies that might be impacted and report back to the SC in one month. Chair Swanson **did not accept** the friendly amendment, noting that it changed the substantive nature of the motion. Yanarella **moved** to table Rohr's motion, and Ford **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with five in favor.

Chappell **moved** that the SC appoint an ad hoc committee to survey University constituencies that might be impacted and report back to the SC in one month and Yanarella **seconded**. Chappell, Kirk and Yanarella agreed to comprise the ad hoc committee. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. [UK December 2009 Degree List](#)

Mrs. Brothers noted that the list in the handout was a revised list, updated from the one emailed to SC members the previous week.

Chappell **moved** to approve UK's December 2009 degree list and send it forward to the Senate. Steiner **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was held and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. [Proposed Change to College of Law Admissions Requirements](#)

Chair Swanson invited Drusilla Bakert (associate dean, College of Law) to explain the proposal, which Guest Bakert did.

Steiner **moved** to approve the proposals and send them to the Senate with a positive recommendation, and Ford **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. [Proposed Change to BA Art Studio](#)

7. [Proposed Change to BFA Art Studio](#)

Ben Withers (chair, Art Department) explained both proposals. He noted that the language quoted in the proposals about the came directly from the Bulletin, which contained a mathematical error (number of credits), and that a new 300-level course would replace A-S 255 as one of the courses for the 3-D category. Guest Withers answered a few questions from SC members.

Yanarella **moved** to approve the proposal and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation and Chappell **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

[Relocation of Masters in Health Administration Degree Program \(from Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and to College of Public Health\)](#)

SC members discussed the move of the MHA program at length. Citing the contradictory answers given by invited guests to at least two questions, SC members stated unequivocally that the proposal was not ready for review by the Senate. It was ultimately decided that the proposal would be returned to the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), with a request that the SAOSC investigate the nine questions below present the answers to the SC.

- Why was the potential move of the MHA degree program not brought to the attention of the Senate Council until this time, with a full blown proposal?
- What is the implication on students who are currently enrolled?
- Why did the Provost appoint an ad hoc committee to review the MHA program to determine readiness and suggest strategies for program accreditation?
- What are the full ramifications of the MHA degree program move to Public Health for the status and well being of the MHA program?
- Is it within the purview of the Provost to move a program from one unit to another?
- What are the specific accreditation standards that were in jeopardy of being violated if MHA remained in the Martin School?
- What are the enrollment and graduation rates of the Martin School as a whole, as well as the MHA program, for the last five years?
- What resources will need to be committed for a top-20 program like the Martin School to repair the loss of the MHA program?
- What was the impetus for the MHA DGS to resign and request a transfer of appointment to Public Health?

10. [Tentative Senate Agenda for November 9](#)

Chappell **moved** that the SC approve the tentative Senate agenda for November 9 as an unordered list, minus the relocation of the MHA degree program. Rohr **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Chair Swanson suggested that SC members discuss the Coal Lodge issue in the time remaining. She asked Yanarella to explain what happened before and during the Board of Trustees meeting at which the matter was discussed, and he did. He summed up by saying that through a conversation with another faculty member he learned that it might be possible for a University organization with legal standing to request an interpretation from the Attorney General's Office regarding whether or not UK followed its own naming regulations.

Yanarella then mentioned the issue of cliff vesting. SC members discussed this matter, as well.

The meeting was adjourned after 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie Swanson,
Senate Council Vice Chair

SC members present: Chappell, Ford, Kirk, Rohr, Steiner, Swanson and Yanarella.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on November 19, 2009.