

Senate Council  
November 3, 2008

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 3, 2008 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair David Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:03 pm. He said that he appreciated the efforts of Tagavi, who chaired the October 20 SC meeting in Randall and Aken's absence. The Chair also noted that neither he nor Aken would be able to attend the November Senate meeting, so Tagavi would also chair that meeting; the Chair again expressed his thanks for Tagavi's help.

1. Minutes from October 20 and Announcements

There were a few editorial changes. There being no additional changes, the minutes from October 20 were approved as amended.

Those present were introduced. Provost's Liaison Greissman was asked by the Chair to introduce the new director of assessment, Marsha Watson. Greissman made some comments and then offered Guest Watson the opportunity to share some information with the SC, which she did.

Moving to other announcements, the Chair reminded SC members of his recent trip to Alabama for a meeting of the chairs of SEC schools' faculty senates. He said that he had tendered an invitation for UK to host the next fall meeting in 2009, which was accepted. He also asked SC members to review the website for the Southeastern Conference Academic Consortium (SECAC) (<http://www.secac.uark.edu/default.aspx>), since it was likely that one of the first official actions of the group of SEC schools' faculty chairs would be to investigate affiliation with SECAC.

The Chair then shared some information gleaned from his recent trip to Alabama. He noted that UK was the only SEC school whose faculty senate had no direct interaction with its school's athletics department; many of the other SEC schools had, at the very least, a subcommittee of its senate being responsible for looking at athletics. In lieu of such a relationship with sports, the Chair suggested that SC members look over the website for the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) (<http://www.neuro.uoregon.edu/~tublitz/COIA/index.html>); that body was made up of the faculty senates of just less than 100 schools and universities nationwide. The Chair noted that of the three SEC schools who had not joined the COIA, at least two of them had specific reasons for doing so. He said he would bring this issue back to the SC at a future date, but wanted SC members to have some time to do research on SECAC on their own.

The Chair added that he had asked Provost Subbaswamy how the faculty representatives to the Athletics Association Board of Directors were chosen; it was feasible that the University Senate (Senate) could play a role in that process.

Lastly, the Chair announced that Chappell and Tagavi would be absent from the meeting.

## 2. Discussion on Proposed Changes to Human Resources Policy and Procedure 4.0

The Chair reminded SC members that a small group, made up of Piascik, Swanson, Wood and Davy Jones, had been asked to look at a proposed change to Human Resources Policy and Procedure (HRP&P) 4.0, in which administrators above a certain level would not be allowed to serve in the Senate or as faculty trustee. Wood said that the meeting had been constructive and that the group was much happier with the revision that allowed a department chair/director to serve in the Senate, so long as the administrative service as chair was concluded prior to the beginning of the senatorial term. Wood said that group endorsed the proposed change with the revision pertaining to directors and chairs.

There was a brief discussion about the best way to succinctly refer to directors of all educational areas.

Wood commented that the bulk of the group's discussion had actually pertained to the perception that the university was not functioning according to the *Administrative Regulations*; some departments utilized a department head system, instead of a department chair system.

Piascik **moved** to send the Senate Council's position on the proposed and revised changes to HRP&P 4.0 to the Office of the Provost. Anderson **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent with seven in favor.

## 3. UK December 2008 Degree List

Wood **moved** to send the UK December 2008 degree list to the Senate for approval. Swanson **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent with seven in favor.

With the SC's approval, the Chair agreed to Greissman's suggestion to delay review of the proposed center until the invited guest arrived.

## 5. Proposal for Nursing Provisional Admissions

The Chair invited College of Nursing's Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies Pat Burkhart to offer information about the proposal; Guest Burkhart did so. Afterwards, there were a variety of questions asked by SC members, all of which Burkhart answered.

As a result of a friendly suggestion, Burkhart agreed to some minor editing<sup>1</sup> done by the SC to the proposed new text:

Early provisional admission to the Professional Nursing Curriculum will be granted to graduating high school seniors who meet the criteria of a high school gpa of 3.5 or higher and an ACT composite of 26 or higher (or the equivalent SAT combined score)

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<sup>1</sup> Strikethrough indicates deleted text and underlining denotes new text.

~~providing~~ Students will be required to maintain a 3.0 gpa in each semester during the freshman year and a 2.75 gpa in the prerequisite science courses. Students who meet these requirements will be granted full admission ~~are guaranteed Early Admission~~ in either the fall or spring of the student's sophomore year to the Professional Nursing Curriculum. Students not meeting those requirements will be grouped with other applicants who are considered for admission after completion of the pre-requisites.

There being no further discussion, Piascik **moved** to send the proposal for Nursing's provisional admissions to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective immediately. Aken **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously with seven in favor.

#### 6. Gen Ed Steering Committee Update

The Chair asked for an overview from the convener of the Gen Ed Steering Committee (GESC), Susan Carvalho. Guest Carvalho gave SC members an update of the activities of the GESC since her last meeting in August with the SC. After her comments, she and SC members discussed the proposed gen ed presentation to the Senate on November 10.

#### 4. Proposed New Center: Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Center

The Chair invited Lisa Tannock, spokesperson for the proposed Center, to share information about what had occurred since her last visit with the SC in September. SC members asked a few questions, which she answered.

Anderson **moved** to approve the proposed Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Center and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Swanson **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent with seven in favor.

#### 7. Tentative Senate Agenda for November 10

SC members discussed the proposed tentative agenda and a possible informational presentation to the Senate in February.

Wood **moved** to approve the tentative agenda for November 10. Aken **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent with seven in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Aken<sup>2</sup>,  
Senate Council Vice Chair

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<sup>2</sup> The Chair was out of town and unable to regularly access email to review the minutes.

SC members in attendance: Aken, Anderson, Ford, Michael, Piascik, Randall, Swanson, Wood.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Pat Burkhart; Susan Carvalho, Davy Jones, Joe Quinn, Lisa Tannock, Marsha Watson.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, November 12, 2008.