Senate Council
November 5, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session at 9:30 am on Monday, November 5, 2012 in room 203 Student Center. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 9:38 am.

1. Minutes from October 29 and Announcements
The Chair suggested that since the minutes were sent out late, the SC can approve the minutes from October 29 at its next meeting. There were no objections.

The Chair informed SC members of the faculty members she contacted about serving on the Provost's Metrics Committee. She thanked SC members for attending the oddly-scheduled SC meeting, which was rescheduled so SC members could attend the President's open forum from 4 – 5 pm.

2. Old Business
a. Faculty Response to Budget Cuts
SC members agreed to postpone further discussion on the matter until the next SC meeting, after attending President Capilouto's open forum later in the day.

b. Proposed New Standing Senate Committee: Senate Advisory Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance
The Chair introduced the topic by stating that the proposed new standing committee would not be put on the November Senate agenda, pending further discussion. SC members discussed the proposal; there was some question about the language describing the scope of the committee's intended purview, particularly whether the committee was intended to serve as a resource for faculty employment issues as they related to reasonable accommodations. Wood and Provost's Liaison Greissman agreed to tweak the language to further clarify the scope.

c. Proposed New BA in Environmental and Sustainability Studies
Guest David Atwood described the changes that were made to the proposed new BA in Environmental and Sustainability Studies. There were still some questions about defining the roles of the advisory board and the faculty of record. SC members and University Senate Parliamentarian J. S. Butler discussed how best to get revisions to the proposal submitted in time so that senators can receive the final proposal on Wednesday. [Tuesday was a federal election holiday.]

SC members agreed that if Atwood provided a revised version of the proposal by noon on Wednesday, it would be included on the Senate agenda for November 12.

d. Discussion on Senate Website
The Chair explained that she and Ms. Brothers met with representatives from Information Technology (IT) who are helping the Office of the Senate Council with its website. A variety of files which have not been used in years will be cleaned up. Ms. Brothers asked SC members if they had any particular changes to the web site that they would like to see. Coyne suggested an area of the site where non-senator faculty can easily access information reported on by senators. The Chair asked SC members to send Ms. Brothers additional comments.

e. Syllabi - Generator and Repository (Open Discussion)
The Office of the Senate Council and IT are also working together on the creation of a syllabus generator and syllabus repository. The SC discussed a syllabus generator and a syllabus repository. Edwards explained how the repository for College of Education syllabi worked. Below are some of the suggestions.

- Make the repository searchable by both faculty name and course prefix/number.

- Add search option for "other courses by this professor."

- List syllabi from past courses; do not ask faculty to send in syllabi for courses in future semesters.

- Remove syllabi after being on the list for a year or two, unless the course is still being taught.

- Include a clear disclaimer that syllabi are not set in stone and may change from one year to the next.

In response to a question about funding, Edwards replied that since the Student Government Association (SGA) made an initial request for the repository, it would be considered an SGA initiative and funded through the SGA budget.

There was also discussion about the syllabus generator that is on the eCATS site.

f. Proposed Changes to *Governing Regulations II* (University Athletics Committee)
The Chair explained the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations II*, specifically the Athletics Committee charge to review items whose cost exceeds $400,000 (increased to $600,000). Wood **moved** to recommend the Senate endorse the proposed change. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

g. Proposed Changes to *Governing Regulations VIII* ("University Appointments")
The Chair and Greissman explained the proposed changes to SC members. After brief discussion, Wasilkowski **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate endorse the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations VIII* ("University Appointments"). There was additional discussion, after which Wood **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Proposed Changes to *Governing Regulations II* (Committee Structure)
Ms. Brothers explained the proposed changes. After brief discussion, Brion **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate endorse the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations II* (Committee Structure). Edwards **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Committee Reports
a. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC)
i. Proposed Name Change of the College of Agriculture
Guest Herman Farrell, chair f the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), explained that the College of Agriculture sought to change its name to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Farrell explained that the **motion** from the SAOSC was to endorse the proposal to change the name of the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. There was brief discussion.

Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for November 12, 2012
SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda for November 12, 2102. SC members added time limits for specific reports on the agenda and removed one agenda item.

Wood **moved** to approve the Senate agenda for November 12, as modified, and Brion **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Blonder, Brion, Coyne, Debski, Edwards, Pienkowski, Swanson, Wasilkowski and Wood.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: David Atwood and J.S. Butler.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, November 19, 2012.