

Senate Council  
October 1, 2018

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 1, 2018 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 Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm. Due to the number of guests, she suggested that those present introduce themselves.

1. Minutes from September 24, 2018 and Announcements

The Chair said that no comments had been received for the minutes from September 24. There being no objections, the minutes from September 24, 2018 were approved as distributed by unanimous consent. There were no announcements, although the Chair noted that the Senate's new Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion had just begun its inaugural meeting – she attended the first half but left to come to the SC meeting.

2. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) – James Donovan, Chair

i. 2017-18 Annual Report

The Chair welcomed James Donovan (LA), chair of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC). Donovan explained the work of the SRWAC and explained the struggle to review all files in a timely manner at each meeting. He noted that at the last meeting, they had 34 appeals to hear, which was a lot to review during a two-hour meeting. Donovan responded to questions from SC members.

The Chair thanked Donovan for the report and noted the report would be on the Senate agenda for October.

b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

i. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity

Guest Aaron Cramer (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering), chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), described the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC members and requested that Cramer and Guest Zongming Fei (EN/Computer Science) respond.

When there were no further factual questions, the Chair said that the **motion** was a recommendation from the SAPC to approve the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Cybersecurity, in the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. SC members were largely in favor of the proposal, but had comments about the description of the faculty of record, specifically concerns that the faculty of record members could be appointed without input from the involved faculty. Fei indicated that he was amenable to the type of change being suggested, specifically to add a reference to the need to consult faculty in appointing the initial faculty of record. Cramer indicated that he also thought SAPC would support the change.

Blonder **moved** to amend the proposal to add “following consultation with unit faculty” to the section on faculty of record, to describe how the dean would initially appoint the faculty of record. Tagavi **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

A **vote** was taken on the amended proposal and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair suggested moving to agenda item number four (“Update on Title IV (Student Financial Aid and Class Attendance) – Kim Taylor, Registrar”) and there were no objections from SC members.

4. Update on Title IV (Student Financial Aid and Class Attendance) – Kim Taylor, Registrar

Guests Kim Taylor (registrar) provided SC members with additional information regarding the ongoing Title IV initiative related to student financial aid and classroom attendance. Guest David Prater (associate director of financial aid) also participated in the discussion. Taylor and Prater answered a number of questions from SC members.

3. Degree Recipients

a. Late Additions to Degree List - Registrar Kim Taylor

Guest Taylor explained the nature of the administrative error to SC members. Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC amend the second August 2018 degree by adding the 29 students/degrees who were inadvertently omitted and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective August 2018. Blonder **seconded**. There were a variety of comments and questions from SC members.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for October 8, 2018

The Chair noted the need to add the late additions to the degree list that SC had just approved. There were a few additional comments. Hamilton **moved** to add the late additions from the Registrar’s office to the October Senate agenda and Walker **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

A **vote** was taken on the motion to approve the tentative Senate agenda for October 8, 2018 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests’ schedules. The motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Discussion on Work Group on Policies Regarding Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment

SC members discussed edits to the draft language describing a work group on policies regarding sexual assault and sexual harassment. Cross **moved** to approve the revised language, including the membership change to having three students (at least one undergraduate student and one graduate/professional student), seven faculty, and one staff. Firey **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Possible Charge to Senate’s Committee on Committees

The Chair apologized for not having draft language available and suggested it return to SC’s next meeting, as “Old Business.” There were no objections from SC members.

8. Nominees for Dean Search Committees

The Chair asked SC members to identify faculty to serve on the dean search committees for Libraries, Education, and Communication and Information. At least six faculty members were identified as possible nominees for each search committee.

9. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

There were no items from the floor.

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Brion **moved** to adjourn and Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Brion, Cross, Firey, Grossman, Hamilton, Osterhage, Tagavi, and Walker.

Invited guests present: Aaron Cramer, James Donovan, Zongming Fei, Douglas Michael, David Prater, Kim Taylor, Annie Davis Weber.

Provost's Liaison present: Turner.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, October 04, 2018.