

Senate Council
October 16, 2017

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 16, 2017 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 Katherine M. McCormick called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from October 2, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no changes to the minutes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 2 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. There were a handful of announcements.

- The Chair met with President Eli Capilouto and Chief of Staff Bill Swinford earlier in the day. The Chair of Staff Swinford informed the Chair that the President intended to call a special session of the University Senate (Senate) for Monday, October 30. She related that he intended to talk with senators about the changing landscape in higher education, which would be a central topic for discussion at the Board of Trustees retreat. Swinford will attend the next SC meeting to discuss with SC members the special called meeting.
- The Chair referred to her intent to include a follow-up, roundtable discussion on the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on *Administrative Regulations 6:2* (“Policy and Procedures for Addressing and Resolving Allegations of Sexual Assault, Stalking, Dating Violence, and Domestic Violence”) on November 6. Those present indicated they would each be able to attend. In response to a question from Blonder, the Chair explained that neither she nor Bird-Pollan [Ad Hoc Committee chair] have had substantive conversations with the President regarding the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendations. Both have held brief conversations of a general nature.
- Times, dates, and locations have been established for two town halls on the preliminary report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Title Series: Wednesday, November 15 (10:30 – 11:30 am, W. T. Young Library Athletics Association Auditorium) and Thursday, November 16 (3:30 – 4:30 pm, Main Building Lexmark Public Room 209).
- The Chair reported on the faculty members recommended by SC to serve on the search committees for a new dean of Libraries and a new dean of the College of Engineering. She added that search committee activity will likely begin soon for the colleges of the two deans who recently announced their intention to step down at the end of the current academic year.
- UK’s Chief Information Officer Brian Nichols will attend the SC meeting on October 23 and will talk about the strategic plan for Information Technology Services.
- The Blue-Ribbon Panel on Graduate Education will hold two town halls on October 24 (11 – 12:30 pm and 4 – 5:30 pm) in the Main Building’s Lexmark Public Room 209.

2. Old Business

a. Ad Hoc Committee on Technology – Mark Lauersdorf, Chair

i. Request for Renewal (per SR 1.4.5 (“Ad Hoc Committees”))

Bird-Pollan **moved** to renew the SC's Ad Hoc Technology Committee for another year of operations. Mazur **seconded**. There were a number of comments from SC members. During discussion and in response to a question from the Chair, Bird-Pollan clarified that the intent of her motion was to include renewal of the existing members and the original, three-pronged charge. There was additional discussion.

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

b. Update on SREC Activities Relating to Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules* Regarding Changes in Provost's Area

Mazur explained that the SREC had expressed some concerns about resources to support some of the changes in responsibility that would be codified in the *Senate Rules*. Some questions were sent to Associate Provost for Academic Excellence Operations Kirsten Turner. The slightly modified language will be returned to the SREC through the Chair.

3. Possible New Addition to Senate Agendas – "Senator Spotlight" – Senate Council Chair Katherine McCormick

The Chair led a discussion about possible mechanisms to celebrate some of the outstanding work that senators do. Many possibilities were discussed; SC members were most supportive of an activity for which senators would be asked to self-nominate and that it could be targeted towards Senate committee chairs. There were some concerns about how to differentiate this from the existing Outstanding Senator Award, as well as when such an activity would occur during a Senate meeting – by the end of the meeting, most senators are ready to depart. The Chair thanked SC members for their comments and said she would return the idea to SC in the near future.

4. Introduction of UK's New Registrar – Kim Taylor

The Chair introduced Kim Taylor, UK's new registrar. SC members and Guest Taylor discussed a variety of topics. Taylor stressed that she was happy to attend SC and was willing to return to SC at any time to continue an open dialogue.

5. Naming of Senate Reinstatement Committee Members

Wood **moved** to name the Chair [McCormick], Bailey, and Childress as the subset of the SC to serve as the Reinstatement Committee. Mazur **seconded**. The Chair offered some basic information about the purpose and function of the Reinstatement Committee. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Nominees for Committees

a. Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (Nursing Faculty)

SC members identified a faculty member to replace one of the members of the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure.

b. UK Core Education Committee Area Experts

SC members reviewed the nominations and identified two possible faculty as the area expert for Social Sciences and one faculty member as the area expert for Statistical and Inferential Reasoning.

7. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – Davy Jones and Joan Mazur, Co-Chairs

i. Recommendations for Changes to Senate Forms Regarding Nomenclature of Degree Titles and Degree Majors

Mazur explained that there was a disconnect between the terminology used by both the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and the Senate on its forms, and the terminology used in SAP that output onto official documents like transcripts. She said that the motion from the SREC was that the SC request that the Provost's Office enable reprogramming SAP so that it will output to the 'Specialization' (instead of Option, or, as appropriate, outputting Concentration or Track) as the hierarchical entry immediately under "Degree Major." Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. Guest Todd Brann, director of academic excellence analytics, was also present in case questions arose.

Mazur commented that it was actually the Registrar's office that would need to make the changes, not the Provost's office. Wood **moved** that the SC request that the Registrar's Office enable reprogramming SAP so that it will output to the 'Specialization' (instead of Option, or, as appropriate, outputting Concentration or Track) as the hierarchical entry immediately under "Degree Major." Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 5.4.5.A ("Diplomas")

Mazur explained that the intent of the change was to ensure that the SR language matched current practice; she described it as a housekeeping effort. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SREC was that the SC approve the proposed changes to SR 5.4.5.A. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. Tagavi noted that the word "program" was missing from the phrase "...degree program being represented...." Mazur acknowledged that was merely a typo and asked that word be added and there were no objections from SC members. There was brief discussion.

A **vote** was taken and the motion (with the addition of the word "program") **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3.1.2.A.3 ("University Senate Council," "Elected Faculty Membership," "Election")

Mazur explained that the wrong version of the language had floated around, resulting in the supporting documentation not being posted with the agenda. She asked that the agenda item be considered at the next SC meeting and there were no objections.

iv. Information Only - Three Issues Related to Forms

Mazur explained that the three issues were consequent to the discussions with the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) about programs. The intent was to align terminology appropriately. There were a few questions from SC members.

b. Senate's Admissions Advisory Committee – Kim Woodrum, Chair

i. 2016-17 Annual Report

Guest Kim Woodrum (AS/Chemistry), chair of the Senate's Admissions Advisory Committee, presented to SC members the Committee's report from 2016-17. She answered a variety of questions from SC members.

8. Senate Meeting Roundtable

SC members offered their thoughts about the October 9 Senate meeting. There was unanimous support for adding a fifth standing report to the "Officer and Other Reports" agenda item so that the Provost always had a time slot for speaking during Senate meetings.

9. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

Tagavi asked about a discussion on rescindment of a degree as a possible sanction for non-academic offenses. SC members were supportive of a discussion but wanted it to be a separate discussion from the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on AR 6:2.

The meeting was adjourned by group consensus at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Cross, Lauersdorf, McCormick, Marr, Schroeder, Tagavi, and Wood.

Invited guests present: Todd Brann, Kim Taylor, and Kim Woodrum.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, October 19, 2017.