

Senate Council
October 17, 2011

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 17, 2011 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

The Chair asked SC members to go around the room and take turns offering their opinions on the October Senate meeting. SC members offered opinions, and the opinions most frequently expressed are below:

- Presentations should be limited in number to ensure sufficient time for discussion about weighty issues among senators.
- Presentations should be limited to 10 minutes each.
- The Arts and Sciences “A&S Wired” presentation was engaging and showed a level of enthusiasm not often seen. If any SC member knows of an innovative or good idea occurring somewhere on campus, the Chair asked SC members to let her know so it could be showcased.

1. Minutes from October 3, 2011 and Announcements

The Chair announced the Presidential Investiture the following day.

There was a brief discussion about whether Pienkowski’s term was only until December 2011, at which time the remainder of the term ending December 2013 would be filled during the regular SC election, or if his term was through December 2013, the original duration of the SC seat. It was ultimately determined, with Pienkowski’s input, that his term would end in December 2011, and that a replacement for the term ending in December 2013 will be elected during the regular election for SC members in December.

The Chair asked for unanimous consent for the SC minutes from October 3, 2011 – there was no objection.

There was discussion about the process for returning proposals in need of correction. SC was satisfied that such proposals would be returned to the originating contact person via email with a list of specific requests, the email will be carbon copied to the college’s contact person and the chair of the most-recently reviewing council. Proposals with significant revisions may be returned to one of the Senate’s councils for additional review.

2. Action Items

b. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.A* (“Senate Council Chair”)

There was a lengthy discussion among SC members about the proposal to change, which the University Senate (Senate) returned to the SC for additional deliberation.

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Given that the chair of the Senate Council is also chair of the University Senate, the Senate Council chair shall be elected by a majority of a voting quorum of elected faculty members of the University Senate. The election shall be held in the December preceding the first academic year during which the Chair shall serve. Members of the Senate may nominate current members of the Senate Council by notifying the chair of the Rules & Elections Committee at least one month in advance of the election date. The chair of the Rules & Elections Committee shall ascertain the nominees' willingness to serve. Candidates will be required to write a short description of their views of the role of Senate Council Chair. This information will be posted on the Senate web site at least two weeks prior to the election date. If the chair of the Rules & Elections Committee identifies only one candidate, then the election can be held at a regular meeting of the University Senate by a show of hands.

The term of the Senate Council chair shall be two years. The Senate Council chair is eligible to run for a second consecutive term. A Senate Council chair is not eligible to run for a third consecutive term. After a Senate Council chair steps down, he or she is not eligible to serve as Senate Council chair again for two years.

Blonder and Wood presented the SC with an alternate version of how to revise the language on electing the SC chair.

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In November preceding the academic year during which the Senate Council Chair shall serve, the elected faculty senators will be asked to nominate at least two current elected faculty members of the SC to serve as SC chair. The SREC Chair will ascertain willingness of these nominees to serve. Should more than one be willing to serve if elected, the nominees will provide an up to 200 word election statement and this will be distributed to the elected faculty senators two weeks before the election. The elected faculty senators will then be given the opportunity to express their opinions of the nominees to the SC via email solicitation. The SC will consider this feedback in electing the next SC chair in December preceding the June 1 start date.

If there is a tie then the elected faculty senators will vote to break the tie.

If there is only one nominee who agrees to serve, then the election shall be declared completed and this person shall be the SC Chair-elect, and the University Senate notified.

Terms of office:

Same as current.

B. Chair-elect

The Chair-elect or a Chair re-elected to a second term shall take office as SC Chair on the following June 1st and serve through May 31st of the next year. A member of the Senate Council is not eligible while on sabbatical to serve as chair-elect but a person who has replaced the member on sabbatical on the Council is eligible to be elected as chair-elect. The SC Chair-elect will be given the opportunity for orientation purposes to

shadow the current SC Chair during the 6 months preceding the SC Chair-elect assuming the office.

The chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), Davy Jones, also participated in the discussion. Regardless of the final decision of the Senate on any proposed revisions, the SREC will make clearer the link between electing a SC member and the SC being the pool of potential nominees for serving as the Senate and SC chair.

Grossman said it seemed clear to him that the proposal returned to SC from the Senate included language that was too much of a change from current practice – he expressed concern that even if it passed the Senate, it might not pass with an obvious majority in favor. Grossman **moved** that the proposed language for *Senate Rules 1.3.3.A* (“Senate Council Chair”) [below] presented by Blonder and Wood (minus the issue of the term limit) be sent to the SREC to prepare the language as if it were to be inserted into the *SR*, and be returned to the SC for additional discussion.

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McCormick **seconded**. Steiner suggested that the SREC include a question to SC nominees about willingness to serve as SC chair if elected to the SC. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with five in favor, four opposed and one abstention. The Chair clarified that the SREC would review the language and the issue of term duration would be discussed at a later date.

There was additional discussion about the proposed language that the Senate returned to the SC. Steiner expressed concern that the Senate discussion primarily focused on a few factual errors in the

narrative and not on the substance of the changes. Steiner **moved** that the language originally presented to the Senate be sent to the SREC to prepare the language as if it were to be inserted into the SR, and be returned to the SC for additional discussion. There was brief discussion, but the motion **died for lack of a second**.

3. UK's Faculty Overload Policies

Guest Craig Miller (DE/Oral Health Practice) explained his concerns that: internal overload is determined differently by different colleges; some of the problems stem from a lack of definition of "unit"; additional responsibilities are assigned to the faculty member but not included on the Distribution of Effort (DOE); and the lack of recourse for an affected faculty member.

After Miller's comments, there was very brief discussion among SC members. Wood **moved** that the SC refer Miller's comments and information to the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT) for their review. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed **[AI]**.

2. Old Business

e. Nominees for SC ad hoc Committee on Faculty Productivity and Accountability

After brief discussion, it was determined that Mrs. Brothers would include professorial rank on the list of nominees for the SC ad hoc Committee on Faculty Productivity and Accountability. Blonder expressed concern that the nominees were primarily from the sciences. Grossman suggested Mrs. Brothers email Dean Kornbluh and ask for some nominees from the humanities. At the SC's next meeting, the SC will determine the composition, chair, the need (or not) for a SC member to serve as a liaison, and the charge.

c. Nominees for SC ad hoc Committee on Best Practices for Distance Learning

It was noted that of the 21 individuals contacted, 19 responded affirmatively to the solicitation for nominations for the SC ad hoc Committee on Best Practices for Distance Learning. Due to the number of respondents, it may be possible to break the committee up into separate workgroups.

SC members agreed with the Chair's suggestion to break the group into smaller units, and perhaps assign each group a specific task. The Chair will return the smaller groups/charges to the SC for review during the next SC meeting.

d. Nominees for SC ad hoc Committee on Calendars

After brief discussion, Grossman **moved** that the SC expand the charge to the Committee on Calendars to explore whether four- and eight-week configurations during the summer were adequate and if not, propose what other configurations could be made. McCormick **seconded**. Grossman commented that the Registrar's Office inherited the non-standard calendars from the now-defunct Evening and Weekend Programs. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The proposed composition of the committee was **accepted by unanimous consent**.

McCormick **moved** that the nominee from Education be asked to serve as committee chair. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Discussion with Provost Subbaswamy

Provost Subbaswamy led discussions on a number of issues with SC members:

- The dean search for the College of Business and Economics;
- The dean search for the College of Engineering;
- Plans to improve undergraduate education;
- Plans for addressing UK's facilities needs and associated funding;
- Internationalization and study abroad and the need to give titles (associate dean for internationalization, etc.) to faculty administrators that imply stature.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm. [The Action Items are a part of the minutes, but fall at the end.]

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: In attendance: Blonder, Coyne, Grossman, Kelly, McCormick, Peek, Pienkowski, Steiner, Swanson, Wasilkowski and Wood.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Davy Jones and Craig Miller.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, October 21, 2011.

#	√	Item	Responsibility	Completed
20.		Charge Senate's Academic Programs Committee with creating processes for substantive change issues (teach-out, contractual/consortium process, off-campus sites, how to reopen a suspended program). (8/23/10)	SC	
31.		Ask the Provost to submit a statement of financial and administrative feasibility for proposals prior to the proposals being sent to cmte. (10/4/10)	Document Handling System	
40.		Draft changes to <i>Senate Rule</i> language on Senate meeting attendance policies for review by SC. (8/30/10 & 11/15/10)	Chair, Steiner	
42.		Discuss with the Provost the method of allocating resources from distance learning courses. (11/15/10)	Chair	
44.		Create ad hoc committee (perhaps with VPR and Provost) to look at what constitutes an administrative or an educational unit, and if there is a continuum or a sharp difference. (11/22/10; 12/6/10)	Chair, SC	
46.		Discuss election of officers, specifically who is eligible to cast votes. (12/6/10); Solicit opinions from the Senate. (2/28/11)	SC	
53.		Investigate "Quality Matters" WRT distance learning courses. (1/10/11)	SC	
57.		Look into creating a Senate committee on assessment. (1/31/11)	SC	
62.		Determine how to address the issue of the proportionate representation of appointed Board of Trustees members. (2/7/11)	SC	
63.		Invite UofL employment ombud to SC meeting after joint ombud cmte visits the University of Cincinnati. (2/21/11)	Mrs. Brothers	

66.		Invite Associate Provost for Undergrad Ed to offer "State of Undergraduate Education" address to Senate. (2/21/11)	Chair	
67.		Invite Associate Provost for Academic Affairs about distance learning courses. (2/21/2011)	Mrs. Brothers	
71.	√	Invite Dean Kornbluh et al to present "A&S Wired" to the Senate in fall 2011. (5/2/11)	Mrs. Brothers	10/2011
72.		Discuss status of department chairs and directors of interdisciplinary centers during the August Advance. (6/15/11)	SC	
73.		Ask each college dean's office to submit information about their faculty council, as part of the SACS reaccreditation effort. (6/15/11)	Chair	
74.	√	Form an ad hoc committee charged with formulating a document describing best practices regarding distance learning practices, with membership of said cmte in the purview of the Chair. (6/15/11)	Chair	06/2011
76.		Develop metrics for faculty input into president's performance during August Advance. (6/15/11)	SC	
77.		Draft a report on the perceptions of the faculty reps on the Presidential Search Committee on the process, and include relevant info from similar universities' recent presidential searches. (6/15/11)	Chair & Steiner	
78.	√	Create checklist describing most common problems encountered during reviews of curricular proposals and disseminate to colleges. (6/15/11)	Mrs. Brothers	08/2011
81.		Meet with each college's faculty council in the fall, and also reinforce the importance of identifying a senator to communicate with college faculty. (6/15/11)	Chair	
82.		Request that the chair of the Senate's Academic Facilities Cmte be invited to attend meetings of the Capital Planning Advisory Group. (6/15/11)	Chair	
84.	√	Deliberate on the idea of recording meetings and posting the video (with time markers of important discussions).	SC	10/2011
85.		Find out if the Senate has an approving or endorsing vote on proposed changes to post-tenure review policies.	Chair	
86.		Determine by late August the message(s) the Chair should relay when she visits college faculty councils.	SC	
87.	√	Invite Mia Alexander-Snow to give her presentation on assessment to the Senate. (8/5/11)	Mrs. Brothers	10/2011
90.		Post Senate cmte final reports on their websites. (8-22-11)	Mrs. Brothers	
91.		Ask the President to nominate a faculty representative to the SEC/NCAA from a list of names forwarded to the President from the Chair of the Senate Council.	Chair	
92.	√	Invite Mia Alexander-Snow to serve as an ex officio member of the Senate's Programs Committee. (9/26/11)	Chair	10/2011
93.	√	Send issue of faculty overload to SACPT. (10/17/11)	Mrs. Brothers	10/2011