

Senate Council  
October 19, 2015

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, May 11, 2015 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 Andrew Hippisley called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from October 5, 2015 and Announcements

The Chair said that one editorial change was received. There being no further revisions, the minutes from October 5, 2015 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair said he along with Margaret Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) and Karen Badger, Chair of Senate's Undergraduate Academic Council met with college associate deans. They heard that colleges and departments still do not know how proposals are processed or how to determine which Senate committee will review a proposal. The Chair said he and Ms. Brothers had spent time over the summer deliberating on a change to the design of the University Senate's website and one component that will be on the new site is a drop-down list of "how do I" instructions. He said he, Schroeder and Badger were also able to make the point that if colleges produced high-quality proposals to begin with, there would not need to be so much effort put into them along the way.

2. Degree Recipients

a. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (May 2014 Degree List) for Arts and Sciences

Student KF-92: Bestow BS Biology and BA French and Rescind BS Biology with Second Major in French

Guest Ruth Beattie, College of Arts and Sciences associate dean of advising, explained the details behind student KF-92 not receiving the correct degree.

Porter **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate amend, for approval by the Board of Trustees through the President, the May 2014 degree list by rescinding the BA Biology with a double major in French from student KF-92 and in its place bestowing a BS Biology and BA French. Webb **seconded**. There were a variety of questions from SC members. When there were no further comments, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Late Addition to the May 2015 Degree List (as per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2) for Arts and Sciences

Student GC-69

Beattie explained the need to add student GC-69 to the May 2015 degree list and noted that the student still had not received any degree. Brown **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate amend, for approval by the Board of Trustees through the President, the May 2015 degree list so student GC-69 is bestowed a BA Psychology. Webb **seconded**. There were questions from SC members.

Discussion turned to the deadline by which students must apply for degrees. Beattie said that the November deadline for May graduation caused a lot of problems. Wilson asked for the rationale for the November deadline and Ms. Brothers explained that the deadline used to be in the spring, but the College of Arts and Sciences had put forth a proposal to push the deadlines back to the fall semester, which would give a student an entire semester after their degree audit to take an additional class, repeat a class if necessary, etc. The Chair said he had been contacted by Dean Mark Kornbluh of the

College of Arts and Sciences and that the Chair had suggested Dean Kornbluh submit a proposal to change the dates.

After additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### 3. Proposed Changes to 2015-2016 Winter Calendar (Change Dates for Registration)

The Chair explained that the Registrar had noticed an error in the calendar for winter 2015-16 regarding dates for registration. The dates should be November 2 – 24, 2015, but the approved calendar had the dates of October 26 – November 17. Mazur **moved** to change the dates from October 26 – November 17 to November 2 – 24, 2015 and Brown **seconded**. There was no discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### a. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Ernie Bailey, Chair

##### i. Proposed Name Change of School of Journalism and Telecommunications to School of Journalism and Media

Bailey, the chair of Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), explained the proposal as aligning the unit's name with the degrees that the School offers. Guest Tom Lindlof offered some additional comments.

The Chair noted that the **motion** that the Senate endorse the name change of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications to the School of Journalism and Media came from committee and did not need a **second**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Margaret Schroeder, Chair

##### i. New MS in Applied Statistics

Guest Margaret Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. The Chair said that the **motion** was that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MS in Applied Statistics, in the Department of Statistics within the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was necessary. Guest Connie Wood (AS/Statistics) clarified that the degree was a Master's of Applied Statistics, with a major in Applied Statistics, not a Master of Science. The motion was amended accordingly (accepted as friendly).

McCormick noted that there were no dates of faculty approvals in the proposal, which started a lengthy discussion on the type of documentation of faculty approval that must be in curricular proposals. Bailey clarified for Guest Anna Bosch, College of Arts and Sciences associate dean for undergraduate education, which the SC and Senate would like to see an email or memo that documents the faculty being consulted, although it would be even better if the faculty had met and voted on the issue and it was documented. There were additional comments about the associated new courses.

When there was no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. McCormick reiterated the need for documentation of department and college votes.

##### ii. New Graduate Certificate in Eurhythmics

Schroeder explained the proposal, including a reference to the SC having seen it briefly in April 2015. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Eurhythmics, in the School of Music within

the College of Fine Arts. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was necessary. Schroeder and Guest Martina Vasil (FA/Music) answered questions from SC members. McCormick asked Vasil to submit documentation of approval at the school and college levels and Vasil agreed. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed Dual Degree: Master of Public Health and Masters of Health Administration

The Chair said the **motion** from SAPC, which needed no **second**, was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new Dual Degree Program comprised of a Master's in Public Health and Master's in Health Administration, both in the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. Schroeder and Guests Julia Costich (PbH/Health Services Management) and Martha Riddell (PbH/Health Services Management, director of graduate studies) answered questions from SC members.

When there were no further questions, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed and one abstaining.

iv. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Military Behavioral Health

The **motion** from SAPC, which needed no **second**, was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Military Behavioral Health, in the College of Social Work. Schroeder explained the proposal and there were many questions and comments from SC member. Guests Chris Flaherty (SW) and Melanie Otis (SW) discussed the proposal with SC members and Schroeder.

There were a few revision requests from SC, outlined below.

- Clarify role of advisory board [advisory, particularly regarding experiential activities], role of faculty of record [determine educational policy, courses, etc.] and role of certificate director [administrative].
- Remove a part-time instructor (PTI) from the role of teaching SW 780, the capstone class, and replace with a tenure-track faculty member.
- Include letter of support from current, interim college dean.

Porter **moved** to table the proposal until Monday, October 26, 2015 and Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. Proposed Suspension of Admission into Graduate Certificate in Health Administration

The **motion** from the SAPC, which needed no **second**, was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the suspension of admission into an existing graduate program, the Graduate Certificate in Health Administration, in the College of Nursing. Guests Jim Holsinger (PbH/Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health) and Sheila Melander (NU, assistant dean for graduate faculty affairs) answered questions from SC members about the proposed suspension. There were some questions from SC members about the reason why the proposal started a few years ago but was only finalized recently.

When there was no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Scott Yost, Chair

i. Proposed Change to PhD English (Remove World Language Requirement)

Guest Scott Yost, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal. The Chair explained that the **motion** from the SAASC, which needed no **second**, was that the Senate approve the proposed change to the PhD English so foreign language is no longer part of the degree requirements. Guests Andy Doolen (AS/English, director of graduate studies) and Jeff Clymer (AS/English, chair) answered questions from SC members. McCormick asked for an email noting the votes of the faculty at the department and college level.

When there were no further questions, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

5. Senator Objection to Proposed New Course WRD 410

The Chair explained that the objection was subsequently addressed through discussions between the senator and a representative of the department in question.

6. Update on Foreign Language Requirement

Guests Ben Withers (associate provost for undergraduate education), Anna Bosch (College of Arts and Sciences associate dean for undergraduate affairs) and Jeff Rogers (AS/Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures, director of undergraduate studies) offered SC members a presentation on activities regarding evolution of UK's foreign language requirement. [Link to presentation available from agenda's web page.] In 2014-15, the SC approved a slight modification to UK's entrance requirement regarding foreign language skills as well as an approval of the recommendation to make foreign language competency a requirement for graduation. A pilot project with standardized testing was conducted in the College of Arts and Sciences for all its incoming first-year students to determine current level of language competency. The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages' AAPPL test (Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages) was used and is widely recognized by government agencies and the private sector. Testing was done in Arabic, Chinese, German, French, and Spanish, although Rogers said that a test for proficiency in other languages, including Japanese, will need to be identified.

There were a variety of questions from SC members throughout the presentation. After additional comments from Withers, the Chair suggested that the appropriate motion would be to charge those working on the foreign language competency requirement with moving ahead to phase two, in which additional colleges, such as Engineering and Agriculture, Food and Environment and Fine Arts, could participate. Grossman **moved** the motion and Porter **seconded**.

Watt asked if all incoming freshmen would be tested and Withers explained that would happen in phase three. There was extensive discussion regarding whether or not a second phase was needed, or if foreign language competency testing should be rolled out to the entire campus. Bosch and Withers clarified that with a phase two, testing could be done in fall 2016, but the official implementation would have to wait until fall 2017. Bosch reminded SC members that a student could achieve competency apart from taking a foreign language class, such as studying abroad or other avenues that also offer significant foreign cultural engagement. Wood commented that a random sample of undergraduates entering from each college will give a reasonable comparison against the results from Arts and Sciences, which can be used to decide whether or not to implement the testing campuswide.

Grossman suggested editing the motion to move to a phase two in which all colleges participate, as long as the Provost provides financial support if needed, and Porter agreed. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken on the motion to charge those working on the foreign language

competency requirement with moving ahead to phase two, in which all undergraduate colleges participate, to be followed by a stratified random sample survey of all colleges, with financial support from the Provost as needed. The motion **passed** with none opposed.

## 7. Committee Nominees

### a. UK Core

SC members deliberated on the nominees and identified two nominees for Inquiry into the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences, in case one nominee could not serve. Grossman **moved** to contact two specific faculty [both from Engineering] and Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

SC members then identified two nominees for Global Dynamics, in case one nominee could not serve. Grossman **moved** to contact two specific faculty [both from Arts and Sciences] and Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### b. Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Advisory Committee

SC members identified two faculty from the Department of Veterinary Sciences who could serve on the Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Advisory Committee. Porter **moved** to approve and Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### c. University Appeals Board

Grossman **moved** to reappoint a departing member of the University Appeals Board and Webb **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstention.

### d. IT Coordinating Committee

Grossman **moved** to put forward the names of four faculty for the vacancies on the IT Coordinating Committee and Porter **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### e. University Dining Advisory Committee

Grossman **moved** to reappoint the existing faculty member who serves on the University Dining Advisory Committee and Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Given the time, McCormick **moved** to discuss the remaining two agenda items (“Senate Meeting Roundtable” and “Discussion on Senate's Role in Matters of Faculty Privilege”) at the next SC meeting. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Brown, Gower, Hippisley, Kraemer, McCormick, Mazur, Porter, Webb, Watt, and Wilson.

Invited guests present: Ruth Beattie, Anna Bosch, Jeff Clymer, Julia Costich, Andy Doolen, Chris Flaherty, Jim Holsinger, Tom Lindlof, Sheila Melander, Melanie Otis, Matt Patterson, Martha Riddell, Jeff Rogers, Margaret Schroeder, Martina Vasil, Ben Withers, Connie Wood, and Scot Yost.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.