

Senate Council
October 23, 2017

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 23, 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 16, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no changes to the minutes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 16 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair had four announcements.

- SC will have a discussion on revocation of degrees on November 20. The Chair will invite representatives from Legal Counsel; Dean of Students Nick Kehrwald has already agreed to attend.
- UK received \$12 million from Paul Chellgren, to expand the work of the Chellgren Center.
- One of the title series town hall events will be live streamed. When those details are confirmed, the Chair will send an email to all faculty to notify them of the two dates. Faculty will also be able to submit comments via an electronic web form.
- A search committee for a new dean of the College of Engineering has been composed and will likely begin their work soon.

The Chair suggested that those present introduce themselves for the benefit of Guest Bill Swinford, the President's chief of staff.

3. Chief of Staff Bill Swinford

Swinford thanked the Chair and SC members for the flexibility in responding to President Capilouto's request for a special University Senate meeting on October 30. Swinford also noted his appreciation for the opportunity to meet with SC members and discuss some of the questions related to the special Senate meeting. Swinford and SC members engaged in a lengthy and collegial discussion regarding possible topics that might be raised. As the discussion wound down, Tagavi requested that the President's presentation be made available to senators in advance. Swinford said he would do so if possible and thought it could possibly be available by Monday morning.

4. Chief Information Officer Brian Nichols – UK ITS Strategic Plan

The Chair introduced Brian Nichols, UK's chief information officer. Nichols offered SC members a brief presentation on the strategic plan activities for Information Technology Services (ITS). The presentation was followed by questions from SC members about technology-related concerns. SC members also shared thoughts and ideas about issues related to data integrity and classroom and data-related technology.

2. Old Business

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

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

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The Chair acknowledged that she had skipped over agenda item two, Old Business. She explained that the two co-chairs for the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) had asked that the item be removed from the agenda until such time as the language provided the clarity sought by the rules revision and ready for SC review. Wood **moved** to remove it from the agenda and Blonder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Discussion Regarding President Eli Capilouto's Agenda for Special Senate Meeting

Referring to the discussion earlier in the meeting with Swinford, the Chair wondered if there was anything left to discuss. There were a few comments about logistics.. SC members agreed that having a live stream of the meeting would be useful.

6. Update on Board of Trustees Retreat - Faculty Trustees Bob Grossman and Lee Blonder (Time Permitting)

The faculty trustees, Grossman and Blonder, offered SC members an update on the prior week's Board of Trustees meeting. The Chair noted that she presented the results of the SC's 2016-17 faculty evaluation of President Capilouto to the Board of Trustees' Executive Committee. She offered an overview of that activity and answered questions from SC members.

7. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

The Chair asked if there were any issues that SC members wanted to discuss but no one offered any comments.

Grossman **moved** to adjourn and Wood **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed**; the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,
Senate Council Chair

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

Invited guests present: Brian Nichols and Bill Swinford.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.