

Senate Council
October 24, 2016

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm in Room 330 Gatton College of Business and Economics Building on Monday, October 24, 2016. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hand unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Katherine M. McCormick called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

1. Minutes from October 17, 2106 and Announcements

The Chair reported that there were a few editorial changes to the minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 17 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair offered a handful of announcements. She noted that Associate Provost Academic Excellence Operations Kirsten Turner would not be able to attend the meeting and would be rescheduled.

- The Registrar's office acknowledged SC members' good comments about extending the duration of the single summer term. As a result, the proposal was withdrawn but could be submitted again in a couple years after a more careful review.
- The Chair shared with SC members an initial draft of a hiring questionnaire for faculty, created in part to lessen the likelihood that UK could hire a faculty member without knowing about a past (or ongoing) investigation into sexual assault, stalking, etc. After discussion, the Chair summarized that it appeared to be the SC's desire to ask the ad hoc Committee on AR 6:2 to review the questionnaire. There were no objections.
- The Chair commented that Provost Tim Tracy was scheduled to speak to the University Senate in November to discuss three initiatives. The Provost made a presentation to the Board of Trustees the prior week on UK's new enrollment management plan and the Chair asked what SC members thought about him giving the same enrollment management presentation to the Senate. After discussion, SC members determined that it would be useful for the Provost to present in December, but asked that any presentation slides be distributed to senators well in advance of the meeting itself.
- There were two courses that the College of Arts and Sciences wanted to have approved as quickly as possible. The Chair solicited suggestions on how to move forward on the courses, noting that approval of the courses had been delayed due to one of the staff members in the Senate Council being out on leave. SC members suggested the courses be put on a web transmittal the following day, instead of the SC approving them on behalf of Senate.

2. Update on Honors College Transition Committee (HCTC) – Interim Dean Phil Harling and SC Representative Bruce Webb

Guests Phil Harling (interim dean of the Lewis Honors College) offered SC members an update on the activities of the Honors College Transition Committee (HCTC). Guest Bruce Webb (AG/Entomology), one of the SC's two nominees on the HCTC also participated. Harling touched on a variety of topics, including: an anticipated proposed change to the Honors curriculum (from 21 credit hours to 30 credit hours); the need for additional individuals, likely lecturers, to teach honors seminars; the appropriate organizational structure for lecturers, specifically a primary appointment in Lewis Honors College or one of the sixteen other colleges; and the status of the search and committee membership for a permanent Lewis Honors College dean.

There were a number of questions, comments, and suggestions from SC members. SC members appeared to agree with Wood's assertion that the most challenging part of the Lewis Honors College is the staffing and faculty; it will be difficult to find the right balance between a faculty member's dedication to Lewis Honors College and their responsibilities in their home disciplinary unit. SC members agreed that Harling's presentation would be a good addition to the November Senate meeting.

3. Requests from College of Arts and Sciences

The Chair noted that two guests were present to answer any questions – Anna Bosch (AS/English, associate dean for undergraduate programs) and Camille Harmon (AS dean's office).

a. Names of Department, BA, BS, and Minor in Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Culture – Create Standardized SAP Abbreviation for All Four

Brown **moved** to standardize the SAP abbreviation for Modern and Classical Languages, Literature, and Culture so that the following abbreviation is used in SAP for the department name and for all curricular offerings, including the BA, BS, and minor: "Modern & Classical Lang, Lit & Cultures." Mazur **seconded**. Wood stated that the motion on the floor was not within the purview of the Senate. She **offered a friendly amendment** to change the wording to "Move to endorse and recommend that the Registrar standardize...."

After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the SC endorse and recommend that the Registrar standardize the SAP abbreviation for Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures so that the following abbreviation is used in SAP for the department name and for all curricular offerings, including the BA, BS, and minor: "Modern & Classical Lang, Lit & Cultures." The motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Undergraduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies – Housed in the (MDRC) Appalachian Center; Move this Active Offering to the College Level

Wood **moved** that the SC endorse and recommend that the Registrar correct the home educational unit of the Undergraduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies from the Appalachian Center to the College of Arts and Sciences. Porter **seconded**.

There was general discussion about the process for rectifying such errors. The Chair reminded SC members that when she initially brought the issue to SC, she suggested giving the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee the responsibility for identifying such a process, but SC members instead said that each such request should come to the SC for review.

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

c. Minor in Women's Studies – Not Housed in Any College or Department in SAP; Move this Inactive Offering to Department of Gender and Women's Studies

Brown **moved** to endorse and recommend that the Registrar add the Department of Gender and Women's Studies as the home educational unit for the now-defunct Minor in Women's Studies. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

d. Minor in Biological Sciences Minor – Not Housed in Any College or Department in SAP; Move this Active Offering to Department of Biology

Grossman **moved** to endorse and recommend that the Registrar correctly add the Department of Biology as the home educational unit for the Minor in Biology. Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

e. Consolidate Two Similar College-Level Department Names into One ("Arts and Sciences") for SAP Reporting Purposes

Grossman **moved** to endorse and recommend that the Registrar merge the SAP-described department of "The College of Arts and Sciences" into the department of "Arts and Sciences," with the resultant unit being known as the department of "Arts and Sciences." Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Some SC members expressed concern that while SAP-related issues were not in the purview of the Senate, there was a need to balance SAP entries with the Senate's responsibilities regarding academic organizational structure. Regarding the issue of naming in SAP, Grossman **moved** that the SC inform the Registrar's office that classification categories within SAP are not within the purview of the University Senate and the Registrar's office is authorized to make editorial changes in these categories as requested by educational units to maintain consistency with University academic organization, but that the Registrar's office should inform the SC office when such changes are made. Brown **seconded**. Guest Davy Jones (ME/Toxicology and Cancer Biology) commented that he was grateful for Registrar personnel who err on the side of caution in matters such as this and other SC members agreed.

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

The Chair solicited a motion to skip agenda item number four ("Committee Vacancies") and move to the Title IX briefing. Wood **moved** to rearrange the agenda and Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Title IX Briefing – Martha Alexander, Deputy Title IX Coordinator

The Chair introduced Martha Alexander, deputy Title IX coordinator. The Chair also invited guests Davy Jones (ME/Toxicology and Cancer Biology) and Beth Kraemer (LI), members of the ad hoc SC Committee on AR 6:2, to come to the table and participate in the discussion. Guest Alexander shared general information about how an investigation works, as well as details about how certain processes and cases occur. All those present engaged in a lively discussion and at the end they thanked Alexander for attending and sharing her knowledge.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Blonder, Brown, Grossman, Lauersdorf, McCormick, Mazur, Mills, Porter, Reid, Stekardis, and Wood.

Invited guests present: Martha Alexander, Anna Bosch, Camille Harmon, Davy Jones, and Beth Kraemer.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, November 1, 2016