

Senate Council
September 19, 2011

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, September 19, 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 3:07 pm.

1. Minutes from August 22 (revised) and August 29 and Announcements

The Chair reported a variety of announcements:

- The Chair said she had talked with Britt Brockman, chair of the Board of Trustees, about the president's annual performance evaluation. She said Brockman was okay with the SC generating criteria by which to evaluate the President. At some point during October, the Board chair, the Chair, and the President will sit down for a discussion. Wasilkowski and Coyne will develop draft criteria and circulate it among SC members for input.
- Mrs. Brothers is catching up on preparing past sets of University Senate (Senate) minutes. Only the most pertinent information will be included, so those minutes will be shorter than in the past.

Grossman **moved** that the SC 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. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There was very brief discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed **[AI]**.

2.b. Senate Parliamentarian

The Chair explained that a new senator with past experience in parliamentary procedure had expressed an interest in serving as Senate parliamentarian. There were no objections to him serving in that position.

2.c. Replacement Member on SC

The Chair directed SC members' attention to a list of senators from colleges not currently represented on the SC, as good pool of potential candidates to fill the SC vacancy (term ending 12/2011). She suggested SC members look at the list and make some suggestions via the listerv. There was a preference among a few SC members for the individual to have sufficient knowledge of current events and SC operations to be able to hit the ground running.

1. Minutes from August 22, 2011 (revised) and August 29, 2011

Grossman **moved** to approve the SC minutes from August 22, 2011 (revised) and August 29, 2011, as distributed. Wood **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Introduction of Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs Lynda Brown-Wright

Those present introduced themselves to the Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs, Lynda Brown-Wright. Guest Brown-Wright shared some information about herself, as well as her responsibilities and recent activities.

4. Membership of Interim General Education Oversight Committee (IGEOC), 2011-2012

The Chair introduced Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education Bill Rayens, who also chairs the Interim General Education Oversight Committee (IGEOC). Guest Rayens explained why additional members needed to be added to IGEOC.

Wood **moved** to accept the list of names as presented by Rayens as the pool of candidates from which to identify possible faculty to fill current vacancies on IGEOC, and Wasilkowski **seconded**. Grossman commented that any additional suggestions should be forwarded to Rayens.

There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Discussion on Open Access - Libraries Dean Terry Birdwhistell and Associate Dean Mary Beth Thomson

The Chair introduced Libraries Dean Terry Birdwhistell and Associate Dean for Collections and Technical Services Division Mary Beth Thomson. Guests Birdwhistell and Thomson talked about open access, UK's repository (<http://uknowledge.uky.edu/>) and other related issues. They answered a variety of questions.

After discussion, SC members thought that open access and the surrounding issues should be discussed and reported on by the Senate's Library Committee. Additional faculty members with experience in research and publications will be added as ex officio members.

6. Syllabi and the Tobacco-Free Policy - Professor Ellen Hahn

Ellen Hahn and Anthany Beatty (co-chairs of the Committee for a Tobacco-free Environment) asked SC members to weigh in on the idea of adding language about the tobacco-free policy to syllabi. There was extensive discussion among SC members.

Coyne **moved** that the UC put together boiler plate language to reflect the tobacco-free policy, in consultation with Hahn and Beatty. The motion **died** due lack of a second.

There was additional discussion among SC members. Wood **moved** that the SC ask the Undergraduate Council to consider putting a hotlink to the Code of Student Conduct in the area of the syllabus template that discusses classroom policies. McCormick **seconded**. Grossman suggested other policies regarding drinking, bullying, harassment, etc. be included. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Senate Oversight of Study Abroad Courses -Associate Provost for International Programs Susan Carvalho & Assistant Provost for International Programs Gary Gaffield

Those present introduced themselves, including Guest Susan Carvalho, associate provost for NAME and Guest Leslie Woltenberg, associate registrar for NAME. SC members and those present engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding faculty members teaching a regularly-approved course in a study abroad (off campus) setting. Woltenberg explained the difference between a distance learning (student and teaching in separate locations) and an off-campus (both student and teacher are together, away from campus). Those present also discussed manual entries to indicate study abroad courses, using special topics courses for study abroad courses, and possible changes to Senate policies.

At 4:30 pm, the Chair stated that the SC had to move on to other agenda items. Wood suggested Carvalho and Woltenberg put together a recommendation to present to the SC at its next meeting, a suggestion which was met with approval from SC members.

8. Review Committee - Huron Consulting (Linnea Texin and Serena Matsunaga)

Those introduced themselves, including Serena Matsunaga and Linnea Texin from Huron Consulting. The Chair gave a presentation to SC members on the activities and goals of the Review Committee. SC members asked a variety of questions during and after the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned about 5:20. [The Action Items are a part of the minutes, but are at the end.]

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

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

Invited guests present: Terry Birdwhistell, Lynda Brown-Wright, Susan Carvalho, Bill Rayens, Mary Beth Thomson and Leslie Woltenberg.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, September 23, 2011