

Senate Council  
September 23, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, September 23, 2013 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 Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair said that no corrections had been received for the minutes from the SC meeting on September 4. There being no objections, the minutes from September 4, 2013 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. There was one correction to the minutes from September 16, to add Pienkowski to the list of SC members in attendance. The minutes from September 16, 2013 were **approved** by **unanimous consent**, as amended.

2. Old Business

a. Senate Committee Assignments, Round II

The additions to the Senate committees were discussed by SC members. There were a couple of changes made to the proposed compositions. Christ **moved** to approve the committee compositions as amended and Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

There was additional discussion about senators who have not sent in committee preference sheets and were therefore not assigned to any Senate committee. Debski **moved** that the SC assign both students and senators who have not filled out a committee preference sheet to be assigned to a Senate committee and that they be informed of their new assignment. There was brief discussion. Wood expressed concern about the affect those senators could have on quorum, particularly for smaller committees. Debski **withdrew** her motion. It was agreed that the SC would review a list of unassigned senators at the next meeting.

b. Senate's Advisory Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SACDAC) Composition

The Chair explained that a majority of members of Senate committees must be elected faculty members of the University Senate (Senate). The faculty membership of the Senate's Advisory Committee on Disability Accommodation and Compliance (SACDAC), though, was comprised of one senator and three non-senators. Anderson said she was willing to serve as chair of the committee and SC members agreed. The Chair asked the SC to move a motion to waive the Senate Rule about a majority of members being senators, for SACDAC, only. Brion **moved** thusly and Watt **seconded**. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Advisory Committee

d. Humanities and Arts Area Advisory Committee

e. University Senate Hearing Panel (Privilege and Tenure)

f. Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure

g. University Information Technology Coordinating Committee

h. Academic Computing Committee

SC members identified nominees for the committees named in agenda items 2.c through 2.g.

3. Committee Nominations (New Budget Model)

The Chair explained that she received an email from Provost Christine Riordan requesting nominees for two committees involved with the new budget model. The Chair described both committees for SC members.

Faculty Advisory Committee – This will be a small advisory committee of faculty designed to provide input on the implementation of the financial model.

Research Advisory Committee – This will be a small advisory committee made up of faculty, staff, and leaders involved in sponsored research to look at the details of the financial model and how research projects flow through the model.

SC members discussed and agreed upon the final slate of names to send to Provost Riordan.

4. Policy on Request for Minor University Calendar Change for an Existing Course (template)

The Chair explained that the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) put together an outline of information needed for the SC to consider a request to change the calendar by which a course is offered. SC members thought the template was fine as is.

5. Discussion on Lunch with Deans and Provost Riordan

SC members discussed whether or not to bring up the proposal to remove voting rights for ex officio members of the Senate. Hippisley expressed concern about vetting the proposal with administrators prior to soliciting input from faculty senators.

6. Other Business

The SC Chair described the history of the Provost's Liaison to the Senate Council position that was created by Provost Michael Nietzel, with approval by the SC, about 13 years ago. That position continued under Provost Kumble Subbaswamy. SC members expressed appreciation for the important role that Assistant Provost Richard Greissman played as liaison between the SC and the Provost's office. SC members added that they looked forward to future interactions with Provost Christine Riordan, who announced at the SC meeting on September 16 that she would serve as her own liaison.

The SC chair reminded members that an announcement would be made at the November Senate meeting regarding the election of new SC members, as well as the election of SC officers in December.

There being no further business to discuss, Wood **moved** to adjourn and Brion seconded. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Day, Debski, Hippisley, McCamy, Palli, Pienkowski, Watt and Wood.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, September 27, 2013.