

Senate Council
September 28, 2015

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, September 28, 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 3:01 PM.

1. Minutes from September 21, 2015 and Announcements

The Chair reported that he had not received any corrections to the minutes from September 21, 2015, therefore the minutes were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

There were a few announcements:

- It was recently discovered two (2) of the Social Work senators were Associate Deans and were not eligible to serve; new senators have now been certified
- The role of a Liaison was discussed with the Provost and he has indicated he will consider it carefully
- The Provost has been made aware of there being four (4) Registrars on campus . SC chair has conveyed the sentiment that it would be better if there were a single umbrella Registrar
- The Provost would like to come to the November or December meeting of the University Senate
- The meeting on Academic Freedom presented by Scott Bauries was not well attended and he has indicated he would be willing to make the presentation again.

2. Old Business

a. Proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Nominations

The Chair began by observing that there are two (2) kinds of Senate relevant nomination solicitations. One is Senate-centric which occur routinely every year such as Senate sub-committee nominations, SC nominations and Senate ad hoc committees. The other is University-centric such as nominations for the SACPT, area advisory committees, the FMLA committee. committees , Currently the Senate Office identifies any restrictions and deadlines. Chair sends out the solicitations. Chair asked if these task could be better accomplished through a nominations committee. After some discussion regarding various methods of getting names for committees, it was suggested that the Chair of the Senate Council send requests for nominations to the Faculty Councils as they have a wider scope of contacts, and apart from that keep the current practice. Chair asked if all SC members could try to respond to nominations, while noting there were a number would be consistently diligent in this regard.

3. Guest Cleo Price, Assistant Dean, Graduate Academic Services presented a request to the Senate Council for a change to the August 2009 degree list based on administrative error.

Bailey made a motion with Mazur seconding.

Recommend amending the August 2009 degree by adding the Master's in Music Performance degree and rescinding the Master's of Art in Music Performance degree for student KA-06 ." The motion passed unanimously.

4. Guest Marcie Deaton, Associate General Counsel presented stylistic changes to the *Administrative Regulations II:4* (University Joint Commission on Honorary Degrees). Ms. Deaton stated that the Committee was not attempting to make substantive changes to the AR but to make the language consistent with other AR's. A great deal of discussion centered on the President's two roles at the University, one being the CEO of the University and the other as President of the University Senate. In the role of the President of the University Senate, the President presents to the Board of Trustees the names of the students for conferring of degrees, conferring honorary degrees and posthumous degrees. In his role as the CEO of the University, the president has the right to object to the name(s) as presented to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Deaton suggested that she and the committee rewrite Section 5 (the last section) and bring it back before the Senate Council.

5. Discussion on Honors College with guests Ben Withers (Dean of UGE) and Connie Wood (Chair Rules Committee)

The Chair recalled from the last meeting four issues that were raised by Senate council with regard to an honors college:

1. Potential conflicts with existing programs in other colleges
2. Potential of segregation
3. Questions about how will honors faculty be recruited and hired; (Lecturers or Special Title Series)
4. Questions about the composition of the Honors Faculty Council

Discussion around the segregation concern included the following points:

- anti-segregation in the sense that honors students are heterogeneous bunch
- great recruiting tool for top students who want to be with like-minded students,
- give top-notch students challenges and rewards,
- students would not be required to live with other honors student
- the extra cost in dollars needs to be worth it for students

Other issues raised included:

- how will the honors college be staffed? (point 3, 4)

- Since an honors college will not be awarding degrees, how will existing policies relating to the college as an academic unit play out with an honors college? Is the best parallel the Graduate School?
- There will need to be a lot of involvement by the various Senate Committees before implementation.
- it should bring us in line with other universities of our size

Discussion ended at 5pm.

Todd Porter **moved** to adjourn and Joan Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley, with the assistance of Janie Ellis

SC Members present: Brown, Bailey, Biery, Hippisley, Kraemer, Mazur, McCormick, Porter.

SC Members absent: Grossman, Wilson, Gower, Mullen, Watt, Webb

Invited guests present: Cleo Price, Marcie Deaton, Connie Wood and Ben Withers

Prepared by Janie Ellis on Tuesday, September 29, 2015