Senate Council
September 30, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, September 30, 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 when quorum was reached, at 3:12 pm.

1. Minutes from September 23, 2013 and Announcements
The Chair explained that no corrections had been received for the minutes. Therefore, the minutes from September 23, 2013 were **approved** by **unanimous consent**. The Chair noted that Anderson, Wasilkowski and Wood would be absent. The Chair also announced that she would be meeting with Provost Christine Riordan towards the end of the week and said she planned on mentioning the foreign language requirement and the upcoming lunch between the SC and deans.

2. Old Business
a. Senate's Graduate Communication and Composition Requirement Advisory Committee
The Chair asked Guest Ben Withers, director of the Honors Program and interim associate provost for undergraduate education, to explain the matter, which he did.

Watt **moved** to approve the name of one faculty member to serve as a member of the committee, as well as the name of a faculty member to serve as a co-chair. Christ **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair suggested rearranging the agenda so that SC could review an agenda item for which an invited guest was present. There were no objections.

3. Proposed Calendar Change for 13 Courses (MA Arts Administration)
The Chair introduced Guest Rachel Shane (FA/School of Art and Visual Studies) and asked her to explain the request for a non-standard calendar for 13 AAD [Arts Administration] courses. Classes will take place over the summer, beginning in on the Wednesday following the spring commencement and end the Friday prior to the start of fall classes. There were a few questions from SC members, which were answered to their satisfaction.

Pienkowski **moved** to approve the non-standard calendar for the following AAD courses:
AAD 520, AAD 540, AAD 600, AAD 610, AAD 620, AAD 630, AAD 640, AAD 650, AAD 660, AAD 699, AAD 730, AAD 740, and AAD 750. Day **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senators Not Assigned to Committees
Discussion continued from the previous week about senators (elected faculty and elected students) who have not sent in a committee preference sheet. After discussion, the Chair agreed to send an email to all elected senators not already serving on a Senate committee to inquire as to the committee on which they would like to serve. In addition, the committee websites will be updated with new student members, to see which committees lack a student member.

c. Discussion on Lunch with Deans and Provost Riordan
SC members discussed possible topics for discussion during the lunch with the deans and Provost Riordan, scheduled for the following week. Below are some of the possible issues.

- Ways to improve the curricular approval.
    - Appreciation and credit for faculty members who serve on University committees, including Senate committees, which are an integral part of the curricular approval process.
    - The review process conducted at the department and college level should catch some of the issues that the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) regularly sees.
    - A step-by-step checklist could improve the content entered into existing forms.
    - Sometimes reviews and final approval are slow not due to inefficiency, but rather are due to ensuring that all University interests are protected and nothing infringes upon another academic area.

- Do deans have a vision on how to collaborate on interdisciplinary programs while not competing against each other?

- Voting rights of ex officio members of the Senate.

- How do deans perceive their role in the Senate?

- Under the new financial budget model, what process(es) will deans use to distribute money back to departments?

- What is the Provost's view on the role of the Senate and faculty service?

- Are the deans willing to meet with SC a handful of times a year, to keep lines of communication open?

There being no further business to discuss, Brion **moved** to adjourn and Pienkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed**. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

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

Invited guests present: Rachel Shane and Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, October 3, 2013.