Senate Council
April 6, 2020

The Senate Council met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2020 via video conference. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:03 pm. The Chair welcomed those present.

The Chair welcome Provost David Blackwell.

Provost Blackwell thanked SC for having him there to speak. He informed SC that under the emergency circumstances, administration had to quickly decide to move all summer courses online. He emphasized that the University cannot convert classes wholesale to online without SC's input and emphasized that UK intends to stay on the path of a high-touch residential university. He explained that Director and Associate Provost of Teaching, Learning, and Academic Innovation Kathi Kern and her team are working to help faculty to transition to online courses. Because the first day of summer courses begins on May 11th, the decision now to go to online will give everyone time to prepare and plan.

Provost Blackwell explained that because all courses are online for the summer semester, the online differential tuition rate has been suspended and all online courses will be offered at the residential rate. The mandatory fees have been modified because students will not have the same access to physical facilities. They are considering a cost of $499 per credit hour.

The floor was opened for questions and Provost Blackwell was asked if students would be able to take research classes starting in June. Provost Blackwell said that he would check and get back with them.

Provost Blackwell addressed remote operations plans and emphasized that the number one priority is the safety of everyone on campus. He also spoke about the hiring pause and explained that UK is trying to build work options for employees with jobs that do not lend themselves to working from home.

1. Minutes from March 13, 2020 and Announcements
The Chair reported that no edits were received for the set of minutes from March 13, 2020. There being **no objections**, the minutes were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

Provost's Message Continued
The Chair welcomed Vice Provost Larry Holloway. Vice Provost Holloway reported that the hiring pause in the Provost's units is being used for internal review of hiring requests. When the reviews are completed, they will be forwarded to a university level committee for consideration. There were no questions and the Chair thanked Vice Provost Holloway.

2. Consent Agenda for April 6, 2020
The Chair asked for objections to items on the Consent Agenda and let everyone know that one item was removed. She explained that any items that are not removed from the Consent Agenda will be approved by lack of objection. There were no objections. There was discussion about the best way to include them on the agenda the following week for the specially called SC meeting.

3. <u>Proposed Changes to *SR 1.4.3.5* ("Senate Academic Advising Committee (SacAC)")</u>
The Chair welcomed University Director for Academic and Career Advising Marianne Young, who explained the proposal to add a member from the Provost Committee on Advising to the SacAC. She clarified the difference between the Advising Network and the Provost Committee on Advising. The chair of SacAC, Rebecca Freeman (AS), informed SC that the SacAC met to discuss the proposal and they were in favor. SacAC was also in favor of adding one of its members to the Provost Committee on Advising.

Grossman (AS) made a **motion** to approve on behalf of the Senate the proposed changes to *SR 1.4.3.5* ("Senate Academic Advising Committee (SacAC)". DeShana (HS) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal. There was clarification that the new member to SacAC would be a voting member. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. <u>Nominee for Provost Council on Advising</u>
The Chair explained that she had asked the Chair of SacAC Rebecca Freeman (AS) to identify a member from SacAC to serve as the representative to serve on the Provost Committee on Advising. Being that the request was off-cycle and there is a pandemic, Freeman volunteered to serve during this this term. Going forward though, the regular nomination cycle would take place.

Cramer (EN) made a **motion** to approve on behalf of the Senate the appointment of Rebecca Freeman as the SacAC representative on the Provost Committee on Advising. Andrade (ME) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. <u>Proposed Change to Proposed Change to *SR 5.2.4.2.2* ("Making Up Graded Work")</u>
The Chair welcomed Associate Dean for Administration and Academic Affairs Kim Anderson (EN) to explain the proposal, to allow students who enroll during the add/drop period to make up graded work assigned in class before they were enrolled. There were some questions.

Grossman (AS) **moved** to approve the proposed change to *SR 5.2.4.2.2* with the modification that the first clause will read "students who add a class after the first class meeting and miss graded work the instructor shall provide the student with an opportunity to make up the graded work (quiz, exam, homework, etc.)". Cantrell (ED) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal and there was some discussion about possible confusion regarding the phrase "first class meeting" as it pertained to distance learning classes.

Hamilton (SGA) made a friendly **amendment** to change "first class meeting" to "the first day of class". Grossman (AS) and Cantrell (ED) **accepted** the amendment. The Chair asked if there was debate on the revised motion and there was some, along with additional wordsmithing. A **vote** was taken on the motion to approve the proposed change to *SR 5.2.4.2.2* (including the change to the first sentence of the modified text to read "For students who add a class after the first class meeting and miss graded work, the instructor shall….") and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

6. <u>Proposed Nonstandard Calendar for AT 642</u>
The Chair welcomed Masters in Athletic Training Program Director Johanna Hoch (HS) to explain the proposal for a non-standard calendar for AT 642. Hoch said that the proposed change would allow students to complete an immersive clinical experience at their clinical sites in the late summer before schools open. Soult (AS) **moved** to approve the proposed nonstandard calendar for AT 642. Cantrell (ED)

seconded. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Committee Reports
a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Bill Smith, Chair
i. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 4.2.8* ("Undergraduate Certificates")
The Chair explained that the item was on the day's agenda so that SC could have a chance to discuss the issue before a formal proposal came forward. She welcomed Associate Dean of Advising Ruth Beattie (AS) and SAASC Chair Bill Smith (EN) to discuss an issue with a proposed certificate program that the College of Arts and Sciences is having. They want to propose an undergraduate postbaccalaureate certificate that is not supported by the existing Senate Rules.

Smith (EN) explained more about the proposal and its history at SAASC. Beattie (AS) described the proposed undergraduate postbaccalaureate certificate, which would allow career changers who have already earned a bachelor's degree to complete a certificate of premedical courses in preparation for applying to medical school. She noted that the courses are not at the graduate level. At the request of the Chair, Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning Annie Davis Weber explained that, if approved, the certificate would be reported to outside agencies as a post-secondary certificate of the middle category of credit hours. There are many instances where UK describes a credential one way but is described officially using different terminology.

SC members discussed the idea of changing *SR 4.2.8*. Eventually, the Chair asked that SC pause the discussion until the proposal language is completed.

8. Tentative Agenda for April 13, 2020 Specially Called Senate Council Meeting
The Chair went over the tentative agenda for the specially called Senate Council meeting on April 13, 2020 and changes were discussed. Cramer (EN) made a **motion** to approve the amended agenda. Soult **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A vote was delayed due to a SC member dropping from the video conference due to technical difficulties

9. Proposed Changes to 2019-20 Academic Calendar Related to the Graduate School
The Chair described the proposed changes There were no questions. Cramer (EN) **moved** to accept the proposed changes to the 2019-20 Academic Calendar related to the Graduate School. Vincent (BE) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A vote was delayed due to the SC member who dropped from the video conference earlier.

10. Proposed One-Time Change to PharmD
The Chair explained the proposed one-time change to the College of Pharmacy to allow students to take courses as pass/fail. It was confirmed that taking courses as pass/fail is optional. Cramer (EN) **moved** to accept the proposed one-time change to the PharmD to allow pass/fail grading with a deadline of May 1 for selecting it. Brion (EN) **seconded**.

The temporarily absent SC member returned.

The Chair asked if there was any debate about the proposed PharmD change and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

A **vote** was taken on the motion to approve the tentative agenda for April 13 and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

A **vote** was taken on the motion to approve the proposed changes to 2019-20 Academic Calendar related to the Graduate School and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

11. Proposed One-Time Change for Dentistry
The Chair explained the proposed one-time change to the College of Dentistry to allow students to take courses as pass/fail. It was confirmed that taking courses as pass/fail is optional. Cramer (EN) **moved** to accept the proposed one-time change to College of Dentistry. Vincent (BE) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

12. Temporary Fall 2020 Admissions Test-Optional Consideration
The Chair welcomed Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Christine Harper to explain the proposed temporary changes to *SR 4.2.1* regarding freshman admissions criteria for fall 2020. There was some discussion and Grossman (AS) suggested calling this a waiver instead of a temporary change. Harper agreed. There was extensive discussion of the proposal.

Brion (EN) **moved** to approve a waiver of *SR 4.2.1* for fall 2020 to temporarily accept self-reported GPA and courses taken and temporarily automatically admit students with 3.00 weighted GPA without an SAT or ACT test score. Grossman **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

SC discussed approving on behalf of the Senate some of the just-approved proposed changes.

Brion (EN) **moved** to approve the one-time change to College of Pharmacy on behalf of Senate and make it effective immediately. Grossman (AS) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman (AS) **moved** to approve the one-time change to College of Dentistry on behalf of Senate and effective immediately. Richardson (SGA) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Cramer asked if the waiver of *SR 4.2.*1 needed to be done on behalf of Senate or if it could wait a week. Harper explained why she would prefer a decision sooner rather than later, but indicated a willingness to wait a week if the SC thought it was necessary. Grossman (AS) **moved** to approve the two temporary waivers of *SR 4.2.1* for fall 2020 on behalf of Senate and effective immediately. Vincent (BE) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

13. Modifications to Graduate School Policies for International Students
The Chair explained the proposal to accept Duolingo test scores for fall 2020 admissions and to extend the deadline for fall 2020 applications to the Graduate School for international students.

Brion (EN) **moved** to approve the substitution of Duolingo test results as a substitute for TEOFL scores on behalf of Senate and effective immediately. Collett (HS) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman (AS) **moved** to extend the deadline from March 15, 2020 to May 1, 2020 for fall 2020 applications for international students. Charnigo (AS) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

14. COVID-19 Ongoing Policy Discussion
The Chair reported that she attended a question and answer session for college advisors that was organized by Student and Academic Learning. Advisors discussed the application of pass/fail and had a lot of good questions.

The Chair also reported that the Learn Anywhere website is up and is a great resource for students. She plans to share on the website information about what individual programs are doing about pass/fail for students. She has contacted colleges to ask for their policies and is working on a way to make the information more user friendly for students. SC discussed possible solutions for sharing this information with students.

The Chair reported that the Graduate Council met to discuss pass/fail options for their students and the Graduate Council decided to defer to individual programs.

The Chair solicited input from SC about the possibility of appointing a second Ombud to handle the influx of questions. SC recommended consulting the current Ombud's office about the possibility and suggesting past Ombuds might be willing to come help if needed.

The Chair asked SC if they had any thoughts about possible changes to academic policies for summer 2020 because all courses will again be online. There was discussion but the general consensus was that SC did not feel there was currently a need for changes like the ones that were approved for the spring semester.

The Chair asked Cramer (EN) to report on the Faulty Affairs Workgroup, which he is a member of. Cramer explained that they have met three times and that they are putting together a tenure clock delay proposal for spring 2020. They have also been discussing how expanded leave policies might affect faculty.

15. Items from the Floor
No items from the floor.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Andrade, Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Brion, Cantrell, Charnigo, Collett, Cramer, Grossman, Hall, Hamilton, Richardson, Shaikh, Soult, and Vincent.

Guests present: Kim Anderson, Ruth Beattie, David Blackwell, Sheila Brothers, Roger Brown, Reny de Leeuw, Rebecca Freeman, Christine Harper, Johanna Hoch, Larry Holloway, Davy Jones, Kim Taylor, Annie Davis Weber, and Marianne Young.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on May 14, 2020.