

Senate Council
December 2, 2019

The Senate Council met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2019 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 Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:01 pm. The Chair welcomed those present.

1. Minutes from November 18, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair apologized for not sending out the minutes sooner and indicated that the minutes could be reviewed at the next meeting if any SC member thought they had not had sufficient time to review them. The Chair reported that some edits were received and implemented for the set of minutes from November 18, 2019. Grossman **moved** to approve the revised minutes for November 18, 2019. Soult **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair suggested that everyone in the room introduce themselves because of the large number of guests present at the meeting.

The Chair announced that at the previous SC meeting Zack Bray (LA), chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), came with a proposal to change the name of the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling to the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counselor Education. At the suggestion of SC, department chair Ralph Crystal (ED) discussed with faculty if they wanted the name changed as it was presented to SC. The faculty confirmed that they did. The name was already approved as drafted, so no action was needed.

The Chair informed SC that the next SC meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020, unless an emergency comes up. The Chair asked SC to monitor their emails in case anything arises.

The Chair reminded SC that last school year, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) let the University of Kentucky send program proposals to the CPE before they approval by the Board of Trustees (BOT). This allowed more program approval flexibility, but CPE has reverted to the requirement that proposals be approved by the BOT before they are forwarded to CPE. Currently CPE rules prohibit advertising of degree programs that have not yet been approved by CPE. This causes problems for new programs because they are unable to advertise for students as early as the program faculty would like. However, there is a proposal under consideration by CPE to consider allowing new programs not approved by the CPE to advertise with an asterisk "*Pending CPE Approval". The Chair will share any updates about this as they become available.

The Chair reminded SC of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program that operates out of Fort Sam Houston. Social Work has requested that the graduation ceremony at Fort Sam Houston in April be more official this year with the Provost participating in the ceremony for the 26 students there. In January, this special degree list will come to SC for approval and then it will be sent to the BOT in February. In the future, this special degree list will be approved earlier and in a more uniform way.

The Chair announced that a university-wide committee solicitation will be going out soon. The deadline to reply will be mid-January.

2. Officer Elections

The Chair invited Guest Roger Brown (AG/Agricultural Economics, chair of the Elections Subcommittee

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of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC)) to the table to oversee the election process. Brown began the election process by confirming that quorum had been met.

a. Chair

Brown reminded SC that each candidate will have five minutes to make a statement and answer questions. He announced that Aaron Cramer (EN/Electrical Engineering) and Gail Brion (EN/Civil Engineering) were the two candidates nominated for SC Chair who were willing to serve. Names were drawn to determine the order in which they would be speaking. Aaron Cramer's name was drawn to go first. Cramer made a brief statement and answered questions from SC. Brion then made a brief statement and answered questions from SC.

Brown explained that SC Chair is elected by simple majority of the voting members of SC. He confirmed for Grossman that it required a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote. Because of open meetings law, the vote cannot be secret ballot. He asked the voting members to write "I vote for <name>" on one side and "I am <name>" on the other side. Brown collected the votes and tallied the results. The vote was 9-2 in favor of Aaron Cramer. The Chair thanked both nominees and the SC gave a round of applause.

b. Vice Chair

Brown explained that there were six SC members eligible for SC Vice Chair and opened the floor for nominations. Allison Soult (AS) nominated DeShana Collett (HS) and she accepted the nomination. Grossman nominated Jennifer Osterhage (AS), but she declined the nomination. Since there were no other nominations, a vote was not necessary and DeShana Collett was named Vice Chair-Elect.

The Chair thanked everyone who ran for both offices and who was elected, and the SC gave a round of applause.

3. Degree Recipients

a. December 2019 Degree List

The Chair announced that the degree list was circulated via email last week and Registrar Kim Taylor was present for questions. There were no questions. Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC approve UK's December 2019 list of candidates for credentials, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees and Hamilton **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Honorary Degree Recipients

The Chair invited Guest Morris Grubbs (Graduate School assistant dean for graduate student professional development) to present the two honorary degree nominees put forward by the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD).

Grubbs described the first nominee. There was some discussion by SC. Soult **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC approve WHC as the recipient of an Honorary Degree, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Collett **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

Grubbs described the second nominee. Collett **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC approve NF as the recipient of an Honorary Degree, for submission through the President to the Board of

Trustees. Brion **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grubbs announced the recommendation by the UJCHD of which honorary degree to award the nominees: an honorary doctor of arts for WHC and an honorary doctor of humanities for NF. SC discussed which honorary degrees were most appropriate for the nominees.

Cramer **moved** to award WHC the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Cross **seconded**. There was some discussion about the degree type and then a **vote** was taken. The motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman **moved** to award NF the Honorary Doctor of Humanities. Collett **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair reminded those present to keep the results confidential.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

Cramer recused himself from the Engineering proposals. Vincent (BE/ Marketing and Supply Chain), SAPC member, led the discussion in his place.

i. Proposed new MS in Computer Engineering

Vincent described the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there was some; Michael Johnson (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering, department chair) also participated and explained the sentiments of the faculty in his department. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAPC that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new MS in Computer Engineering, in the Department of Computer Science, in the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal. There was some. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

ii. Proposed new PhD in Computer Engineering

Vincent described the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAPC that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new PhD in Computer Engineering, in the Department of Computer Science, in the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal. There was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

iii. Proposed New Doctorate of Social Work

Cramer described the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there were some. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAPC that the University Senate approve the establishment of a DSW in Social Work, in the College of Social Work. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal. There was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Zack Bray, Chair

i. Propose name change of College of Law to the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law.

Bray (LA), chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), described the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there were some, primarily about the inclusion of "University of Kentucky" in the proposed name of the college. Bray and College of Law Interim Dean Mary Davis answered their questions. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAOSC that the University Senate approve the proposed name change of the College of Law to the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal. There was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Engagement (Title IV) – Roger Brown, Chair

The Chair gave a brief history of the formation on the committee. After the Committee presented a report in the spring, the SC had asked the committee to detail next steps regarding the Committee's recommendations about Title IV. Brown went over the report and explained that the recommendations fall into three categories: 1. We ask the Registrar to do what she can and come back in a year to review progress, 2. We ask Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) to do something and then ask them to report back, and 3. We ask SC to get/post/communicate information to certain people.

The Chair solicited questions. There was some discussion about potential penalties if the faculty or University do not report on student engagement. Larry Holloway (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering, Vice Provost) and Kim Taylor (Registrar) also participated in the discussion. Soult commented that for faculty teaching large classes, if any digital method were developed to track engagement, the default setting for engagement should be "engaged," which would prevent faculty like her from having to input an engagement status for 3,000+ students every semester. Brion **moved** to receive, adopt, and endorse the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Engagement. Grossman **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. Grossman thanked the committee for a great job and there was a round of applause.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for December 9, 2019

The Chair went over the tentative Senate Agenda for December 9, 2019 and there was one comment. Vincent made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Collett **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Draft Charge and Membership of Ad Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Accolades.

The Chair shared a list of accolades for undergraduate programs in all colleges at the University. It was noted that there is a lot of variance across the colleges. Grossman commented that it was fine for units to establish their own criteria for departmental honors, but they should have established standards for such honors, and those standards should be posted publicly. SC discussed possible membership and a chair for an ad hoc committee.

Grossman **moved** that the Chair contact the faculty councils of each college, inform them about forming the ad hoc Committee on Undergraduate Accolades, ask how departmental honors ("lower case 'h'") are awarded and how that could be reconciled with the Honors offered by Lewis Honors College, and ask them to submit names of faculty who might be willing to serve on the committee. Brion **seconded**.

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

Grossman **moved** to name Vincent as chair of the ad hoc Committee on Undergraduate Accolades. Osterhage **seconded**. Vincent indicated she was willing to serve in that capacity. The Chair asked if there was debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair asked Vincent to work with her on writing the committee's charge. The charge will be shared with SC for input.

7. Committee Nominees

a. Nominees from Health Science for Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Committee

The Chair thanked Collett for submitting nominations for the Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Committee. SC discussed the names submitted.

Brion **moved** to send forward the names of two eligible faculty submitted by Collett to the Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Committee. Cramer **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Nominees from Senate's Technology Committee for 2019-2020 University IT Advisory Council (Administrative Regulations 10:2) – Mark Lauersdorf, Chair

Lauersdorf shared the names that Senate's Technology Committee suggested for the University IT Advisory Council. There was some discussion about the names.

Grossman **moved** to replace one name suggested by Senate's Technology Committee with that of a faculty member who had previously volunteered for the University IT Advisory Council. Vincent **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Brion **moved** to send the revised list of nominees to Chief Information Officer Brian Nichols. Hamilton **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

8. Items from the Floor

The Chair recognized Al Cross, even though he had already departed. His term on SC ends in December 2019 and this was his last SC meeting. SC gave him a round of applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Brion, Collett, Cramer, Cross, Grossman, Hall, Hamilton, Osterhage, Shaikh, Sault, and Vincent.

Invited guests present: Kalea Benner, Zack Bray, Sheila Brothers, Roger Brown, Mary Davis, Raphael Finkel, Morris Grubbs, Larry Holloway, Michael Johnson, Davy Jones, Mark Lauersdorf, Natalie Pope, Kim Taylor, Annie Davis Weber

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Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.