

Senate Council
February 1, 2021

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 pm on Monday, February 1, 2021 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 Aaron Cramer (EN) called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm. The Chair welcomed those present. He informed everyone that the session was being recorded and noted that it was an open meeting. He asked everyone to use the chat box to sign in for attendance and provided guidance on how to participate in the discussion.

1. Minutes from January 25, 2021 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits were received for the set of minutes from January 25, 2021. There being **no objections**, the minutes for January 25, 2021 were **approved** by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair reported that the voting issue in Zoom had been resolved by a recent software update.

The Chair reported that several people associated with Senate who attended the recent Campus Academic Leadership meeting were not invited. He reminded SC that this is not an open meeting and the invitation should not be shared outside of SC. He explained that although SC is currently invited to the meetings, they are not assured future invitations.

The Chair reported a good response so far for campuswide committee nominations. He asked SC to continue to encourage colleagues and faculty councils to send in nominees.

The Chair reported hearing concerns about a lack of transparency of the vaccination process. He committed to continue raising this issue in the Faculty Affairs Workstream. He also reported speaking with President Eli Capilouto and Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday about this issue. He asked SC for their suggestions and then provided background information about the rollout so far. He noted most faculty are in group 1C and should be scheduled for vaccination during March or April.

2. Proposed Nonstandard Course Calendars for Orofacial Pain (OFP) Courses

Director of Dental Graduate Studies Howard Roberts (DE) explained the proposed nonstandard course calendars for OFP courses. The Chair asked if there were any questions and there were none. Vincent (BE) **moved** to approve the proposed nonstandard course calendars for OFP courses. Grossman (AS) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was clarification about the proposed nonstandard calendars being approved in perpetuity. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Proposed Change to *Senate Rules (SR) 5.2.5.6* ("Dead Week")

Associate Dean for Administration and Academic Affairs Kim Anderson (EN) explained the proposed change to *SR 5.2.5.6*, that the name "Dead Week" be changed to "PAWse Week." The Chair reminded SC that the proposed change to *SR 5.2.5.6* ("Dead Week") would be going to Senate in February and asked if there were any questions. Student Government Association (SGA) President Wheeler confirmed that she had been consulted with about the proposal and suggested that reading days should be clarified. Grossman (AS) **moved** to approve the proposed change to change "Dead Week" to "PAWse Week" *SR 5.2.5.6* and throughout the entire *SRs*. Kuhnlein (SGA) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was discussion of alternative names for "Dead Week." Charnigo (PbH) offered an **amendment** to change "PAWse Week" to "Pause Week." Kuhnlein (SGA) **seconded**. The Chair asked if

there was any debate on the amendment and there was discussion of other alternative names. Wheeler (SGA) offered a **substitute amendment** to change “Pause Week” to “Prep Week.” Vincent **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none.

A **vote** to accept the **substituted amendment** (change “Pause Week” to “Prep Week”) in SR 5.2.5.6 and throughout the entire SRs was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed and one abstained.

A **vote** for the **substituted amendment** to change “PAWse Week” to “Prep Week” in SR 5.2.5.6 and throughout the entire SRs was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

A **vote** for the **amended motion** to change “Dead Week” to “Prep Week” in SR 5.2.5.6 and throughout the entire SRs was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate’s Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Zack Bray, Chair

i. Proposed New Department of Engineering Technology

SAOSC Chair Zack Bray (LA) explained the proposal and reported that SAOSC voted to endorse the proposal unanimously. The Chair asked if there were any questions and there was clarification about faculty/staff positions in the proposed department and the development of the standards of evidence document.

The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAOSC that the University Senate endorse the proposed new Department of Engineering Technology. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was debate on the proposal. There was discussion about the nature of the concerns from faculty who voted against the new department in the College of Engineering. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

5. Undergraduate Research - Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis and Senior Associate Vice President for Research Martha Peterson

Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis thanked SC for the opportunity to get their input on restructuring Undergraduate Research. Senior Associate Vice President for Research Martha Peterson presented information about the history of Undergraduate Research at UK, results from review and assessment, suggested improvements, and a timeline with next steps. She noted a draft funding formula to distribute funds to colleges for direct support of undergraduate research.

The floor was opened for questions. There was clarification that the information may be shared after the announcement has been sent and that the presentation will be made available to SC. Previous directors of Undergraduate Research were acknowledged, but it was noted that there was not consistent faculty leadership. There was also discussion about specifics of the new funding model.

The Chair explained that Undergraduate Research is at the intersection of both teaching and research within the educational mission of the University and asked SC to consider its endorsement. The Chair asked SC if there were any objections to asking the Senate Research and Graduate Education Committee (SRGEC) for recommendations about Senate endorsing the Undergraduate Research plan. There were **no objections**.

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Peterson explained that they will go forward with communicating the new plan. She reported that input from SRGEC will also be helpful once there is a new faculty director and the mission, vision, and values are revised.

6. Tentative Senate Agenda for February 8, 2021

There was some discussion about the addition of United Campus Workers (UCW) to the February agenda, agenda length, and a request to note the policy on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Vincent (BE) **moved** to approve the proposed tentative Senate agenda for February 8, 2020. Grossman (AS) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. There being **no objections**, the **motion** was **approved** by unanimous consent.

7. Items from the Floor

Grossman (AS) updated SC about the College of Arts and Sciences dean search being delayed.

The Chair reported that the Graduate School dean search has been paused. He also reported sharing SC's feedback about the provost search with the president.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Cramer,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Cantrell, Charnigo, Collett, Cramer, Duncan, Grossman, Kuhnlein, Swanson, Vincent, Wheeler, and Williams.

Guests present: Nelson Akafuah, Kim Anderson, Anna Bosch, Zachary Bray, Sheila Brothers, Roger Brown, Rudy Buchheit, Lisa Cassis, Joanie Ett-Mims, Larry Holloway, Davy Jones, Martha Peterson, Howard Roberts, Marion Rust, Mary Sherman, Kim Taylor, and Annie Weber.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on February 4, 2021.