

Senate Council
February 17, 2020

The Senate Council met in regular session on Monday, February 17, 2020 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 3:00 pm. The Chair welcomed the new student representative, Conner Richardson and suggested that everyone in the room introduce themselves.

1. Minutes from February 3, 2020 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits were received for the set of minutes from February 3, 2020. There being **no objections**, the minutes were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair reported that Mark Lauersdorf (AS) is stepping down from the University Senate (Senate) and Senate's Technology Committee (STC), which he is the chair of. Beth Kraemer (LI), who is a member of STC, volunteered to serve the remainder of Lauersdorf's term as STC chair ending on 8/15/20. The Chair will accept Kraemer's offer if SC shares no objections with her in the next 24 hours.

The Chair reported that the list of courses from the Registrar's Office to be purged still contain courses that Senate approved for purging in 2016. The SC Office has requested that the Registrar's Office remove the courses purged in 2016 from the list and sort the remaining courses by college and department. Once the revised list is received, it will be distributed for review.

The Chair shared that the strategic planning group is moving forward. She will ask Provost Blackwell to discuss more about strategic planning with SC and Senate.

2. Old Business

a. Nominees for Committees

SC members discussed nominees for Academic Area Advisory Committees (AAAC) and other administrative committees.

Grossman made a **motion** to send forward the three nominees discussed by SC in ranked order for the Ethics Committee. Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Soult made a **motion** to send forward the five nominees discussed by SC and the five members rolling off the committee for the Faculty Code Committee. Grossman **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Discussion about the IT Advisory Committee is on hold.

Vincent made a **motion** to send forward the three nominees discussed by SC for the Research Conflict of Interest Committee. Soult **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Collett made a **motion** to send forward the three nominees discussed by SC for the Residency Status Review Committee. Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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Soult made a **motion** to send forward the seven nominees discussed by SC for the Senate Hearing Panel on Promotion and Tenure. Vincent **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Collett made a **motion** to send forward the two nominees discussed by SC in ranked order for the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees. Vincent **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Discussion about the UK Core Education Committee is on hold.

Grossman made a **motion** to send forward the 13 nominees discussed by SC for the University Appeals Board. Cantrell **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman made a **motion** to send forward the three STS clinical area nominees discussed by SC in ranked order for the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure. Vincent **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Soult made a **motion** to send forward the five STS nonclinical area nominees discussed by SC for the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure. Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Vincent made a **motion** to send forward the four ETS area nominees discussed by SC for the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure. Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman made a **motion** to send forward the four RTS area nominees discussed by SC for the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure. Brion **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Soult made a **motion** to send forward the five nominees discussed by SC and the four members rolling off the AAAC for the Biological Sciences. Brion **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman made a **motion** to send forward the two College of Pharmacy nominees discussed by SC for the AAAC for the Health Care Clinical Sciences. Vincent **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman made a **motion** to send forward the two College of Medicine nominees discussed by SC for the AAAC for the Health Care Clinical Sciences. Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Vincent made a **motion** to send forward the two College of Agriculture, Department of Veterinary Science nominees discussed by SC for the AAAC for the Health Care Clinical Sciences. Brion **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman made a **motion** to send forward the two College of Health Sciences nominees discussed by SC for the AAAC for the Health Care Clinical Sciences. Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Vincent made a **motion** to send forward the two alternate nominees discussed by SC for the AAAC for the Health Care Clinical Sciences. Collett **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman made a **motion** to send forward the three nominees discussed by SC and the four members rolling off the committee for the AAAC for the Humanities and Arts. Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Vincent made a **motion** to send forward the ten nominees discussed by SC for the AAAC for the Physical and Engineering Sciences. Collett **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Soult made a **motion** to send forward the seven nominees discussed by SC for the AAAC for the Social Sciences. Collett **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Soult made a **motion** to send forward the eight nominees discussed by SC for the AAAC for the Libraries. Andrade **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair asked that agenda items involving visitors be heard next.

3. Committee Reports

a. Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise (ISFE) – Ernie Bailey (AG), Chair

Bailey shared the final report from the ad hoc committee on ISFE. He explained that the committee was formed by the Senate in spring of 2019 to conduct a mid-term review of ISFE based on the motion passed at the time the ISFE was formed as an MDRC. The ad hoc committee began its review in Spring 2019 and did not complete its work before the summer. The committee renewed its review process during the fall of 2019 in order to include significant and recent changes in funding and leadership. Their report included 4 conclusions and 3 recommendations. Bailey introduced ISFE Director Charles Courtemanche and the floor was opened for questions. There were none.

Grossman made a **motion** to accept the ad hoc committee's ISFE report and present it to the Senate. Collett **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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

i. Proposed Move of BA and Minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies from College to Department of Geography

Bray explained 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 SAOSC that the University Senate endorse the proposed move of BA and Minor in Environmental and Sustainability Studies from College to Department of Geography. 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. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Bill Smith, Chair

The Chair explained that the requirement has been waived in the past for the open hearings and disclosures requirements set forth in SR 3.4.2.2.2 when academic programs or educational units are reviewed by a Senate committee. The Chair requested that the Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) make an official interpretation of this rule to verify if it should continue to be waived or if the Senate meeting to vote on closing a program can serve as the open hearing.

i. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Pre-Physician Assistant Studies (Major Code: PPAS-BHS; Degree Code: BHS-AH)

Smith explained the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and it was explained that the bachelor's degree is no longer recognized so it has become obsolete in the profession. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the College of Health Sciences request to suspend and close the Pre-Physician Assistant Studies program.

Grossman made a **motion** to waive SR 3.4.2.2.2 for the proposed suspension and closure of the Pre-Physician Assistant Studies program. Brion **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

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.

ii. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Reproductive Biology

iii. Proposed Suspension and Closure of MS Reproductive Biology

iv. Proposed Suspension and Closure of PhD Reproductive Biology

Smith explained 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 that the University Senate approve the College of Health Sciences request to suspend and close the MS, PhD, and Graduate Certificate programs in Reproductive Biology.

Andrade made a **motion** to waive SR 3.4.2.2.2 for the proposed suspension and closure of the MS, PhD, and Graduate Certificate programs in Reproductive Biology. Soult **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

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.

v. Proposed Suspension of Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)

Smith explained the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there was clarification of when the final students will be done with the program (2022). The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the College of Public Health request to suspend admissions to the Doctor of Public Health program.

Cantrell made a **motion** to waive SR 3.4.2.2.2 for the proposed suspension of the Doctor of Public Health program. Collett **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

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.

vi. Proposed New Admissions Path into Lewis Honors Program for Sophomores

Smith explained the proposal and noted that certain changes should be considered for *SR 4.2.2.6*. Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the Lewis Honors College Czarena Crofcheck agreed to review the suggested changes to *SR 4.2.2.6*. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the Lewis Honors College proposal for sophomore admission. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Nominees for Ad Hoc Committee on Self-Authored Textbooks

The Chair explained that names were solicited for an Ad Hoc Committee on Self-Authored Textbooks. The list that was distributed to SC with names that were self-nominated and nominated by others. The Vice Provost Larry Holloway asked for four nominees that have self-authored and four who have not self-authored textbooks. Grossman made a **motion** to submit all names on the list as nominees for the Ad Hoc Committee on Self-Authored Textbooks. Brion **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate. There was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

b. Planning for 2019-20 Faculty Evaluation of the President

The Chair explained that historically a small committee led by the SC Vice Chair prepares and administers the faculty evaluation of the President. Members for this committee were discussed. Grossman made a **motion** that SC Vice Chair DeShana Collett (HS), Leslie Vincent (BE), Aaron Cramer (EN), and Richard Charnigo (AS) compose the Planning Committee for the 2019-20 Faculty Evaluation of the President. Soult **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate. There was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Proposal Regarding Phased Retirement and Senate Membership

Grossman reported that the Phased Retirement Ad Hoc committee met to discuss senator feedback about the phased retirement and Senate membership survey. The results indicated that Senators are in favor of allowing faculty who go on phased retirement during their term on Senate be allowed to finish their term, but faculty already on phased retirement should not be allowed to assume new terms. In order to allow this, the GRs will need to be changed. The committee has drafted a proposal for the change and the Legal Office has reviewed it.

The discussion was postponed due to time constraints.

5. February Senate Meeting Roundtable

The Chair solicited comments from SC members about the February Senate meeting. Below are various comments.

- Glad to hear discussion.
- It's not always good to have a big discussion attached to a specific item. We need to find a way to make space for that bigger discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

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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.

Invited guests present: Karen Badger, Ernie Bailey, Betsy Beymer-Farris, Zack Bray, Sheila Brothers, Charles Courtemanche, Czarena Crofcheck, Larry Holloway, Rick Ingram, Davy Jones, Bill Smith, and Tony Stallins.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on February 20, 2020.