

Senate Council
February 24, 2020

The Senate Council met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 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 those present.

1. Announcements

The Chair reported that the meeting minutes from February 17, 2020 were not ready for review.

The Chair invited SC to send any additional comments about committees voted on in the last meeting to Ms. Brothers.

The Chair reminded SC to respond to the SC retreat poll.

The Chair reported that the SC meeting on March 16th may need to be canceled due to quorum issues. Since it is spring break, some SC members have let her know they are not available. She requested that everyone let the SC Office know if they are available or not so the meeting can be canceled if quorum is not met.

The Chair reported that the current Senator list does not include anyone on phased retirement. She encouraged SC to report anyone going on phased retirement that they become aware of to the SC Office.

The Chair shared that voting irregularities at the last Senate meeting were reported. The Chair will remind Senators at the next meeting of voting rules and ask everyone to check that they have the correct clicker.

The Chair reported that items from Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) will be coming to SC soon. The Chair also noted that current SAASC chair Bill Smith (EN) plans to enter phased retirement later this year and will be stepping down. Replacement chairs will also be needed for Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) and Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) next year. The Chair encouraged everyone think about possible replacements to suggest for next year.

2. Old Business

a. Proposal Regarding Phased Retirement and Senate Membership

The Chair welcomed Bob Grossman (AS) to lead the discussion about next steps. He explained that the Phased Retirement Ad Hoc Committee investigated three main questions based on the results of the phased retirement survey:

- Should faculty members on phased retirement be allowed to serve on Senate?
- If faculty members on phased retirement are allowed to serve on Senate, should they be allowed to be elected once they are on phased retirement or should they only be allowed to complete their term?
- If faculty members on phased retirement are allowed to serve on Senate, should they be allowed to serve on SC or as SC Chair?

a. Proposed Changes to Governing Regulations (GR) IV ("The University Senate")

Grossman explained the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there was discussion

about the timing of when phased retirement officially begins. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee on Phased Retirement that the Senate recommend to the Board of Trustees the following change to GR IV.A, second paragraph, first sentence:

The ninety-four (94) elected faculty *Senators* shall be full-time faculty¹ *The elected faculty Senators shall be elected from and by the respective college faculties.*

¹*A faculty member who enters phased retirement while already serving a term in the Senate may complete the term, but a faculty member who is already on phased retirement may not be elected or begin a term in the Senate.*

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. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.2.2 (“Functions and Composition of the University Senate,” “Composition”)

c. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.2.2.1.2 (“Elected Faculty Membership,” “Election”)

Grossman explained the proposals. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there was discussion about adding language to the proposal stating that the change to the *SR* is contingent upon the Board of Trustees (BOT) passing the proposed change to the *GR*. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a proposal from the Ad Hoc Committee on Phased Retirement that the SC recommend that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *SR 1.2.2 and SR 1.2.2.1.2* contingent upon the Board of Trustees (BOT) passing the proposed change to the *GR*. 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.

d. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3.1.2.1.1 (“University Senate Council,” “Eligibility for Membership”)

e. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.1 (“Officers of the Senate Council,” “Senate Council Chair”)

Grossman explained the proposals. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there was discussion about the pros and cons of allowing senators on phased retirement to be on SC and serving as SC Chair. SC agreed they would like to have feedback from Senators before proceeding with a motion so a discussion item will be added to the March Senate meeting about allowing senators on phased retirement to be on SC and serve as SC Chair.

Grossman made a **motion** to table the motion regarding allowing Senators on phased retirement to be on SC and serving as SC Chair until after the March Senate meeting. Charnigo **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate. There was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate’s Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC) – Chris Pool (AS), Chair

i. Draft Survey for Senators

The Chair welcomed Chris Pool. He shared the SAFC charge and their proposal to poll Senators about facilities. Pool explained that the expected outcome of the poll is to have more information to share with the administration when asked for input. The survey was distributed to SC for feedback and they shared suggestions with Pool. He agreed to incorporate their suggestions. The Chair asked Pool to present the survey to Senate.

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b. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – DeShana Collett (HS), Chair

i. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 6.4.4.2.4 ("Disposition of Cases of Academic Offenses," "Right to Drop or Withdraw from a Course") and Senate Rules 5.1.5.8.1 ("Retroactive Withdrawal," "Requirements")

The Chair informed SC that SREC chair DeShana Collett was unable to attend the meeting so Davy Jones (ME) would be filling in for her. The Chair welcomed Jones. Jones explained that Ombud Kaveh Tagavi (EN) brought to the SREC's attention that *SR 6.4.4.2.4* appears to contradict *SR 5.1.8.5.1*. Jones explained the SREC voted unanimously to approve the actions that were passed out for SC to review.

Grossman made a **motion** to adopt the proposed changes to the *SRs* as recommended by the SREC, noting that the SC action was sufficient and did not need to go forward the Senate for approval. Brion **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate. There was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Senate UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC) – Patrick Lucas (DS), Chair

The Chair welcomed SUKCEC chair Patrick Lee Lucas and suggested that everyone in the room introduce themselves.

i. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 1.4.3.2.1 ("Senate UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC)," "Composition")

Lucas explained the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there was discussion about the length of the committee terms and continuity of members. SC asked that the proposal be modified to allow SUKCEC members to serve two terms. Grossman agreed to craft language reflecting this modification to bring back to SC at their next meeting to be voted on.

ii. Update on Activities

Lucas explained that the SUKCEC has been exploring the current UK Core and having conversations about how to give students a quality experience.

4. Discussion on Standards for Donor Agreements and Associated Naming of Units

The discussion was postponed due to time constraints.

5. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,
Senate Council Chair

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

Invited guests present: Larry Holloway, Davy Jones, Patrick Lee Lucas, and Annie Davis Weber.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on February 26, 2020.