

Senate Council
March 2, 2020

The Senate Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 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 no edits were received for the sets of minutes from February 17, 2020 and February 24, 2020. There being **no objections**, the minutes from February 17, 2020 and February 24, 2020 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair reminded SC of the proposal discussed on February 17th for a new admissions path into Lewis Honors Program for sophomores. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) Chair Bill Smith (EN) noted that changes should be considered for SR 4.2.2.6 and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the Lewis Honors College Czarena Crofcheck agreed to review them. Crofcheck then reviewed the changes and determined those changes are not necessary to move the admissions proposal forward. Smith concurred. The admissions change approved by SC will be going to Senate in the March meeting.

The Chair reminded SC that they nominated Leslie Vincent (BE) to chair a committee to investigate how honors are handled throughout different colleges at UK. Finding participants in the colleges to speak with has been a challenge so an email will be going out to Associate Deans informing them of who we have heard from. The committee plans to move forward with the names they have after next Friday. The Chair asked SC if they were comfortable distributing the names on the SC listserv and moving forward before the next SC meeting on March 23rd and no objections were made to this.

2. Old Business

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

The Chair asked that this agenda item be postponed until Vice Provost Larry Holloway was present later in the meeting and there were no objections.

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

The Chair invited Bob Grossman (AS) to discuss the proposed language for SR 1.4.3.2.1 that was distributed by email to SC. Grossman explained that the proposed language has been sent to the UK Core Committee and they have no objection. Grossman clarified that partial terms do not count toward members' two term limit. Gail Brion (EN) spoke in favor of the proposed change and made a **motion** to accept the proposed language for SR 1.4.3.2.1. Grossman **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was discussion about setting term limits for UK Core Chair. Since SC approves the UK Core Chair each year, the issue was not pursued. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Issue of Phased Retirement Senators Serving on SC and as SC Chair - Possible Options for SR Language

The Chair reminded SC of their previous discussion about requesting feedback from Senators before proceeding with a motion that would or would not allow senators on phased retirement to serve on SC or as SC Chair. Grossman drafted language that was distributed by email to SC to review.

The Chair invited Grossman to discuss the drafted language. Grossman explained the three options and possible *SR* language drafted. SC discussed the options and proposed language of the *SR* and thanked Grossman for drafting the language. Those present understood that whatever option was identified as the final option regarding serving as chair would also be applied to the position of vice chair.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Bill Smith (EN), Chair

i. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.4.3.3 (“Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC)”) and Senate Rules 5.1.8.5 (“Retroactive Withdrawal”)

Smith explained the proposal. The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there was much discussion including:

- If the waiver should be removed for students that are past the time limit
- If the time limit to withdraw should be two or three years
- If academic bankruptcy is a viable option for students that are past the time limit
- Should the SRWAC have one member with a medical background
- Should there be addition of verbiage that states partial withdrawals are unlikely to be approved
- Definition of who an advisor is
- What is the threshold of approval for a partial withdrawal
- Should students with an incomplete on their transcript be allowed to apply
- What is the best way to accommodate the student’s right to appear before the SRWAC

Soult made a **motion** to postpone the proposal until March 23rd for edits to be made based on SC’s recommendations. Brion **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Slideshow for Senate: Update on Activities in Student and Academic Life to be Presented by Associate Provost for Academic and Student Affairs Kirsten Turner

The Chair informed SC that Associate Provost for Academic and Student Affairs Kirsten Turner was unable to attend the SC meeting, but was scheduled to give the presentation at the next Senate meeting. The Chair said she would share any comments from SC about the presentation with Turner. There were no comments.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for March 9, 2020

The Chair went over the tentative Senate Agenda for March 9, 2020. Item 3.f.i., “Proposed Change to Senate Rules 6.4.4.2.4 and Senate Rules 5.1.5.8.1” was removed from the agenda. Items 4,5, and 6 regarding *GR IV*, *SR 1.2.2*, *SR 1.2.2.1.2*, and phased retirement were combined. Brion made a **motion** to approve the revised agenda. Andrade **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

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

Because Vice Provost Larry Holloway was available for discussion, SC returned to the agenda item.

The Chair reminded SC that the Senate requested more information about donor agreements and naming of units in the February meeting.

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Grossman explained that although the matter is in the purview of administration, that Senators feel very strongly about the naming of academic units. He suggested forming a joint committee to look at standards for naming.

Vice Provost Holloway informed SC that the Office of Philanthropy has sketched out general guidelines for giving levels for naming, but there they are not rules. He explained that because of the varying college and department sizes, the guidelines are very general and are not fixed. Vice Provost Holloway agreed that a joint committee would be good, and he will be taking the Senate's comments to the Provost for his consideration to form a joint committee.

There was discussion about Philanthropy's role in setting these guidelines. After brief discussion, the Chair said she would contact Philanthropy to see about having someone attend both a SC and Senate meeting. SC members were clear that if a choice had to be made due to scheduling concerns, it would be most effective for the presentation to be given to the Senate.

Holloway indicated he would discuss the matter with Provost Blackwell and return to SC with a report on next steps within a few weeks.

6. Prior Learning Assessment Discussions

Cramer explained that Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Annie Davis Weber put together a workgroup to discuss prior learning assessment. Cramer and two associate deans are the only faculty currently on the committee, but if anyone has any suggestions for others, they should let the SC Chair or Cramer know. The Chair explained that the purpose of the group was not to draft proposals, but rather to do some preliminary work to see what options were appropriate for UK. Weber provided some examples of prior learning and commented that SACS requires UK to ensure the integrity of any credits given, so it was important to think carefully about the types of prior learning that could be assessed. Cramer also said that SC should let him know of any specific opinions to bring to the attention of the committee. The importance of faculty being involved early in the conversation about prior learning assessment was noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,
Senate Council Chair

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

Invited guests present: Sheila Brothers, Jim Donovan, Larry Holloway, Davy Jones, Bill Smith, and Annie Davis Weber.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on March 4, 2020.