

Senate Council  
November 30, 2020

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 pm on Monday, November 30, 2020 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 3:00 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 November 2 and 16, 2020 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits were received for the set of minutes from November 2 and 16, 2020. There being **no objections**, the minutes for November 2 and 16, 2020 were **approved by unanimous consent**.

The Chair shared that Ms. Brothers is back in the office.

The Chair reported that he will be participating in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) annual meeting preparation for the reaffirmation for the class of 2023. He will report back to SC on anything that is pertinent.

The Chair reminded SC that their next meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> will be the final SC meeting of the year and the final Senate meeting of the year will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>. He reported that meetings will begin again in January.

2. Degree Recipients

a. December 2020 Degree List

The Chair reported that the December virtual commencement is scheduled for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. He explained that since Senate will not be meeting until December 14<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Trustees on December 15<sup>th</sup>, SC was asked to approve the list on behalf of Senate. He noted that an updated degree list with a small number of additional students was sent via email to SC before the meeting and that more additions can still be made until the Board of Trustees meets, if needed. The Chair asked if there were any questions and there was clarification that November 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for students to apply for a degree in December.

Vincent (BE) **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC approve on behalf of Senate, UK's December 2020 list of candidates for credentials, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Bird-Pollan (LA) **seconded**. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Late Addition to May 2020 Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.12.4 ("Late Addition to Degree List"))

i. College of Arts and Sciences Student DJ-48

The Chair explained that an administrative error caused student DJ-48 not to graduate with their second degree (Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience) in May 2020. Soutl (AS) **moved**, on behalf of the Senate, that the elected faculty members of SC amend the May 2020 degree list by adding the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience for student DJ-48 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2020. Collett (HS) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A vote was taken and the motion passed with none opposed.

c. Late Addition to August 2020 Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.12.4 (“Late Addition to Degree List”))

i. Gatton College of Business and Economics Student KF-21

The Chair explained that an administrative error caused student KF-21 not to graduate in August 2020. Brion (EN) **moved**, on behalf of the Senate, that the elected faculty members of SC amend the May 2020 degree list by adding the Bachelor of Business Administration – Management for student KF-21 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective August 2020. Cantrell (ED) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair expressed his appreciation to Assistant Dean Cleo Price, University Registrar Kim Taylor, and everyone involved with getting the degree list done.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (SACDI) - Cindy Jong, Chair

i. Senate Council Feedback on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement

Jong explained that SACDI was asked to develop a DEI statement for the syllabus initiative and that their goals for the statement were to include a commitment to diversity and inclusion, recognize discrimination bias, and provide information about who students can contact. She asked SC for feedback and recommendations of where to include the statement.

The Chair asked SC to consider adding the statement to the syllabus template language on the Senate’s website and what the relationship of the statement is to the syllabus initiative. Support for the statement was expressed by SC and the addition of the term “equity” in the document was suggested. It was noted that the use of template language is optional but as the syllabus initiative moves forward it will become mandatory.

Brion **moved** to include the DEI statement, as amended to include “equity,” in the syllabus templates on the Senate’s website. Collett **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair asked Ms. Brothers to include the DEI statement in the syllabus templates. He noted that he would include this information in the upcoming newsletter. There was also discussion about making the tone of the syllabus initiative more welcoming and when SC will be voting on it. The Chair thanked SACDI Chair Cindy Jong for her service on the committee.

b. Senate’s Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Leslie Vincent, Chair

i. Proposed Significant Change to Graduate Certificate in Public Health Management

Vincent (BE) described the proposal to reopen the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Management and approve several changes including a name change, curriculum reorganization, updated admissions requirements, and modality changes. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact, and there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that the University Senate approve the proposed change to the Graduate Certificate in Public Health Management in the Department of Health Management and Policy in the College of Public Health. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed Significant Change to MS Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences

Vincent (BE) described the proposed change of the addition of a new track for Environmental Science

and Ecosystem Ecology to the MS in Integrated Plant and Soil Science (IPSS). The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact, and there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that the University Senate approve the proposed change to the MS in Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed Significant Change to PhD Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences

Vincent (BE) described the proposed change including discontinuation of the Forest Science track and the addition of a new track for Environmental Science and Ecosystem Ecology (ESEE) to the PhD in Integrated Plant and Soil Science (IPSS). The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact, and there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that the University Senate approve the proposed change to the PhD in Integrated Plant and Soil Sciences in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iv. Proposed New MS Marketing

Andrade (ME) explained that he would present the proposal since it was submitted by SAPC Chair Leslie Vincent (BE). He described the proposed new MS in Marketing. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact, and there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the new MS in Marketing from the Department of Marketing and Supply Chain in the College of Business and Economics. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

v. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Orofacial Pain

Vincent (BE) described the proposed Graduate Certificate in Orofacial Pain. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact. There was discussion about Graduate Certificates vs. Post Professional Certificates and what Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) guidelines are for certificate programs. There was clarification that the higher number of credit hours for the certificate is due to accreditation requirements. There was much discussion about the approval process of the certificate based on *Senate Rule (SR) 3.1.1.6*.

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 Graduate Certificate in Orofacial Pain, in the College of Dentistry. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

It was noted that there should be further discussion about the interpretation of *SR 3.1.1.6* in the future.

Vincent asked about another similar proposal on the SAPC's agenda. The sense of the discussion was that such proposals should move to SAPC, SC, and Senate until the issue is formally resolved.

vi. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Pre-Medicine

Vincent (BE) described the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Pre-Medicine. The Chair asked if

there were any questions of fact. There was concern about possible confusion due to the use of the term “Undergraduate” in the title. It will be marketed to students as a “Post Baccalaureate Undergraduate Certificate”. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that the University Senate approve the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Pre-Medicine in the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

vii. Proposed Significant Change to BSEDU Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

Vincent (BE) described the proposed major program change to create two tracks for the BSEDU Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education degree. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact, and there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that the University Senate approve the proposed change to the BSEDU in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education, in the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counselor Education in the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Jennifer Bird-Pollan, Chair

i. Proposed update to the Behavioral and Technical Standards from the College of Health Sciences

Bird-Pollan (LA) described the proposed update to the Behavioral and Technical Standards from the College of Health Sciences. The Chair asked if there were any questions of fact, and there were none. The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that the University Senate approve the proposed update to the Behavioral and Technical Standards from the College of Health Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Items from the Floor

There was discussion about requesting that the University Registrar provide a schedule for when online exams should be given for asynchronous online classes. Vice Provost Larry Holloway agreed follow up with the University Registrar and bring back a proposal for SC’s consideration for assigning two-hour blocks of time for asynchronous final exams.

There was discussion about a recent announcement from administration that the Fall 2021 class schedule will be rolled over from Fall 2019, presumably to prevent instructors from offering a course via distance learning/online delivery without Senate approval. There was concern that faculty will no longer be able to use alternate delivery modes unless they go through Senate for approval. It was clarified that Senate has only approved the use of alternate delivery modes through Summer 2021. It was noted that courses approved by Senate for distance learning delivery after Fall 2019 will need to be accounted for. The Chair reported that when colleges have approached him about future situations where alternate delivery is necessary, he has advised them that they should submit course proposals this spring to request Senate approval for distance learning delivery. He also noted that if the situation in the fall is like it is now, there will likely be another blanket approval of alternate delivery modes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Cramer,  
Senate Council Chair

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

Guests present: Karen Badger, Ruth Beattie, Sheila Brothers, Roger Brown, Bob Grossman, Davy Jones, Cindy Jong, Sarah Hawkins, Howard Roberts, Kim Taylor, Jason Unrine, and Sarah Wackerbarth.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on December 1, 2020.