

Senate Council
November 4, 2019

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 4, 2019 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 3:01 pm. The Chair welcomed those present.

1. Minutes from October 28, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits had been received for the set of minutes from October 28, 2019. There being **no objections**, the minutes from October 28, 2019 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair announced that the SC elections are proceeding and there is a group of six senators advancing. She will send an email out soon encouraging everyone to share their views.

The Chair informed SC that University Registrar Kim Taylor is proposing to open registration to nondegree students on November 25, 2019 which is after priority registration dates for degree students. The Chair is grateful that SC is notified, but they do not have authority over these dates because they are operational. Although it was just an announcement, there was discussion about registration dates and how only the general beginning and end of registration are in the calendar, not the windows for specific groups of students. There was support for Taylor adding spring-related dates that occur in the fall to the spring section of the calendar.

The Chair shared that she will be involved in developing the next strategic plan. She is not certain of details yet but will share any updates as they become available.

2. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

i. Proposed Change to MBA (Evening)

ii. Proposed Change to MBA (One-Year)

Cramer, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), described 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 SAPC that the University Senate approve the significant changes to the MBA: Business Administration (One-Year and Evening) in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. 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 Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) – Jennifer Osterhage, Chair

i. Report on Non-Degree Student (NDS) Enrollment

Osterhage, chair of the Senates Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC), presented their report about NDS enrollment to SC. She explained that the faculty were not surveyed to avoid bias. SAPPC's findings show that NDS performed better than average and although enrollment increased from last year, it was still within the normal range. SAPPC will continue to monitor NDS enrollment and performance each year with data from the Registrar's Office.

The Chair asked SAPPC to report their finding to the University Senate and Student Government Association (SGA).

3. Nominees for College of Dentistry Dean Search Committee

Nominees for the Dentistry Dean Search Committee were solicited from SC prior to the meeting. The list was shared with SC and more nominees were discussed. It was determined that Senator nominees should be prioritized and nominees with administrative positions should not be considered. Nine nominees remained.

Cross made a **motion** to submit the nine faculty names to the Provost's Office for consideration to be on the College of Dentistry Dean Search Committee. Soult **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Tentative Senate Agenda for November 11, 2019

The Chair went over the tentative Senate Agenda for November 11, 2019. Cross made a **motion** to approve the agenda. Soult **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Discussing Next Steps for Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 6.1.1 (Syllabi)

Soult explained that *Senate Rules (SR) 6.1.1 (Syllabi)* is not very detailed and has caused confusion. Undergraduate Council (UG) suggested creating a list with everything about syllabi in one place and a webpage with all standard academic policies that syllabi can link to. The Ombud's office also supported this idea. This would ensure that all the required and most up to date information is shared with students.

There was some discussion. Grossman suggested that the proposal include information about why certain aspects of a syllabus were being proposed as required components. Soult added that the Graduate Council (GC) wanted graduate courses included but asked to re-review the proposal once there was confirmation from the Ombud that it was okay to link to policies but not include them verbatim in the syllabus. The GC also wanted to see language about how midterm grades would not be required for graduate courses. Cramer made a **motion** to assign Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) to investigate proposed changes to *SR 6.1.1*. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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

i. Proposed Changes to BHS Medical Laboratory Science

Smith, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), described the proposal. The Chair added that the proposed changes would be in effect for students coming in as freshman in fall 2020.

The Chair solicited questions of fact from SC and there were many. It was noted that *SR 4.2.2.2* ("College of Health Sciences Program") will need to be modified to reflect the admissions policy that is different from the University as a whole. During discussion, Soult suggested that the prerequisite for CHE 105 and CHE 109 are currently the same, but that may change in the future.

Because the entire proposal will not be available to senators until after Tuesday, it was suggested that the Chair ask senators to waive *SR 1.2.3* ("Meetings") during the Senate meeting.

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The Chair stated that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation from the SAASC that admission into the Medical Sciences Program require students entering UK and the pre-MLS program have the supporting course work for the equivalent of CHE 105/109. 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Collett, Cramer, Cross, Grossman, Hall, Osterhage, Sout, and Vincent.

Invited guests present: Sheila Brothers, Larry Holloway, Kim Taylor, Paul Childs, Karen Badger, Kim Campbell

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.