

Senate Council  
September 28, 2020

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 pm on Monday, September 28, 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.

The Chair reported that he approved the Winter Intersession 2020-2021 Calendar on behalf of SC upon the request of the Provost's Office. He reminded SC of their previous discussion about the calendar and agreement to delegate approval to him. He asked if there were objections to removing the agenda item and there were none.

1. Minutes from September 7, 2020 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits were received for the sets of minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup>. There being **no objections**, the minutes from September 7<sup>th</sup> were **approved by unanimous consent**.

The Chair reported that upon request of the Provost he is chairing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) project number three. He is putting together a faculty advisory group comprised of faculty from diverse backgrounds to meet regularly to help guide DEI efforts. He noted that DeShana Collett (HS), who is already on the DEI leadership team, has agreed to help form the group. He asked SC to share any suggested nominees for the group with him.

2. Old Business

a. Proposed Nonstandard Course Calendar for AAD Courses

The Chair reminded SC of their request to Rachel Shane (FA) to come back and address concerns about proposed nonstandard AAD course calendars after consulting with program faculty. Shane explained that they took SC's recommendation and modified the proposal by delaying the start date one week and removing spring break. There was clarification that the proposal is for the spring semester only. Brion (EN) **moved** to approve the proposed nonstandard course calendar for Arts Administration courses as submitted. Williams (SGA) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Concerns Related to *Governing Regulations (GR) VIII* ("University Appointments")

The Chair informed SC that due to a scheduling issue, the Provost would not be joining the meeting. He reported that the resolution from Arts and Sciences had been given to the Provost and noted that the Provost is taking the issue seriously. The Chair asked SC if there was anything they would like him to share with the Provost. The Chair clarified that after he heard from Soutl that a plurality of A&S senators supported SC's suggestions, he sent the resolution to the Provost. There was conversation about the interpretation of "leave" in *GR VIII* and discussion about what next steps might be after a response is given by the Provost. There was broad consensus that if a response was not forthcoming, the matter should be discussed at the October Senate meeting. In response to comments about ten senators being able to put an item on the Senate agenda if SC declined to do so, Bird-Pollan clarified that if the A&S senators wanted this discussion on the October Senate meeting agenda, they would need to make that clear prior to the time when the SC sets the agenda. Otherwise, the October meeting would still be set, although the 10 senators could add the discussion to the November Senate meeting. The Chair said he would share any new information with SC as it becomes available.

### 3. Calendar Requests

#### a. College of Pharmacy (PharmD) Spring 2021

Associate Dean Frank Romanelli (PH) explained the calendar request for Spring 2021. Andrade (ME) **moved** to approve the calendar request for the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program for spring 2021. 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 and one abstaining.

#### b. Nonstandard Calendar Request for EMBA Courses for Spring 2021

Executive Director of the Professional Resource Center Lorna Patches (BE) explained the calendar request for spring 2021. Brion (EN) **moved** to approve the nonstandard calendar request for the Executive Master of Business Administration courses for spring 2021. Andrade (ME) **seconded**. 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 abstaining.

#### c. Nonstandard Calendar Request for AT 641 for Spring 2021

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Education Karen Badger (HS) explained the calendar request for Spring 2021. Vincent (BE) **moved** to approve the nonstandard calendar request for Athletic Training (AT) 641 for spring 2021. Brion (EN) **seconded**. 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 abstaining.

#### d. Nonstandard Calendar Request for CSD 659 for Spring 2021

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Undergraduate Education Karen Badger (HS) explained the calendar request for spring 2021. There was clarification about students who are unable to obtain the required amount of hours. Andrade (ME) **moved** to approve the nonstandard calendar request for Clinical Rotation in Speech Language Pathology (CSD) 659 for spring 2021. 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 and one abstaining.

#### e. Summer 2021 Calendar

University Registrar Kim Taylor explained the calendar changes for summer 2021. There was clarification about the three University holidays during the summer. Brion (EN) **moved** to approve the summer 2021 calendar. Andrade (ME) **seconded**. The Chair asked if there was any debate and there was none. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### a. Ad Hoc Workgroup on Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee Charge (AHWSAASCC)

##### i. Final Report

The Chair explained the charge of the Ad Hoc Workgroup was to review the broad charge of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) and provide recommendations to narrow its focus. The members consisted of the current SAASC Chair Jennifer Bird-Pollan (LA), two previous SAASC Chairs Bill Smith (EN) and Herman Ferrell (FA), Senate's Rules and Elections Chair DeShana Collett (HS), Senate's Academic Programs Chair Leslie Vincent (BE), and Sheila Brothers from the SC office. He then outlined the seven recommendations from AHWSAASCC. There was some clarification about tracking changes and edits to the Bulletin. There were some questions about what security exists within Acalog to ensure that users cannot update program-related requirements. Taylor said that she could not describe the security in such fields in detail; this was the first year where colleges edited Bulletin content

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with Acalog. Cantrell (ED) **moved** to refer the AHWSAASCC report to SAASC. Andrade **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 meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Cramer,  
Senate Council Chair

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

Guests present: Karen Badger, Sheila Brothers, Bob Grossman, Davy Jones, Lorna Patches, Frank Romanelli, Rebecca Shane, Kim Taylor, and Annie Davis Weber.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on October 15, 2020.