

Notes on Senate Council Meeting on April 21, 2008

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. Members present: Aken (SA), Anderson (DA), Randall (DR), Swanson (HS), Tagavi (KT, chair), Wood (CW) and Yanarella (EY). Richard Greissman attended on behalf of the Provost and Marcy Deaton (MD) attended from the Office of the President.
2. The minutes of the SC meeting of April 7, 2008 were approved as given on pages 2 and 3 of the agenda for April 21, 2008.
3. The [Request for Rule Waiver: Repeat Option](#) (page 4 of the agenda) was referred to D. Randall, Chair of the Reinstatement Committee. Because of the brief time available to deal with this request, Professor Randall was authorized to meet with the student and to adjudicate the issue without consultation with other members of the committee or with the SC.
4. Members present discussed with RG and MD the proposed alterations in the Faculty Assignment and Vacation Policy (proposed changes in AR II-1.1-7 and AR II-1.3-2) as presented to the SC members attending and as Email by the chair to all members of Senate Council on April 21, 2008. It was Moved (DR) and Seconded (DA) that "The University Senate Council forward to the Provost that we understand the motivation behind the University's altering the vacation policy as proposed." Motion carried (6-0-0). The Chair will inform the Senate of this action.
5. Members present discussed the issue of the language of the Graduate School's proposed "Modification of the Residency Requirements" and "Proposal for Modification of Transfer Credit," and [the proposed rewording of these by R. Finkel](#) (pp. 5-6 of agenda). After discussion of these items the SC determined that it was inappropriate for the council to reword documents "belonging" to the Graduate School. The documents will be returned to the Graduate School with a request that it provide the exact wording of the proposed new text for possible consideration at the May meeting of the University Senate. Subject to R. Finkel's authorization, his Emails to the SC will also be sent to the Graduate School.
6. The Chair informed members that he had instructed that any issues relating to the election of faculty representative to the Board of Trustees should be handled by Douglas Michael or David Randall.
7. The SC discussed the kind offer of Professor Mark Wattier (Murray State University) to come to a SC meeting to discuss issues related to the CPE. The SC gratefully received this offer, but the SC felt that it was so late in the semester that it would be difficult to arrange a meeting prior to the majority of the faculty's leaving at semester's end. The Chair was directed to extend our appreciation for the offer, and to leave open the possibility that we could address the matter together later in the year.
8. The SC considered an instance that had arisen wherein a course instructor's input via the "Instructor Feedback Form" (IFF) had been bypassed by a dean in the case of a student's request for retroactive withdrawal from that instructor's course. The SC discussed whether it was appropriate and acceptable for a course instructor's input on a decision of retroactive withdrawal to be bypassed without specific and appropriate rationale for so doing. A consensus developed that specific and appropriate justification

must be provided (e.g., the instructor is not longer at UK) if a course instructor is not given an opportunity to complete the IFF. It was Moved (CW) and Seconded (DA) that "It is the sense of the Senate Council that the right of waiver of the IFF primarily pertains to situations where the instructor is not available; therefore the SC directs the University Senate office return the IFF at issue to the office of the appropriate dean for the instructor to complete and submit as a component of this request." Motion carried (6-0-0).

9. SC agreed to continue discussion of the Faculty Policies at its next meeting. All attending agreed to try to finish this discussion before semester's end.

10. SC adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

David C. Randall