

University Senate
March 17, 2008

The University Senate met at 3 pm in the Auditorium of W. T. Young Library on Monday, March 17, 2008. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Kaveh A. Tagavi called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

1. Minutes from February 11 and Announcements

The Chair had several announcements. He shared with Senators that Sheila Brothers sends her regrets. She will be having surgery tomorrow and would be out of the office for several weeks. With respect to the position of Parliamentarian, the Chair made everyone aware that there was still no volunteer and urged Senators to send him the name of anyone who might be interested.

The Chair announced that Professor Ross Scaife, of Classics/Modern Languages, passed away the previous Saturday at age 47. Professor Scaife had continued to attend Senate meetings throughout his cancer treatment. A moment of silence was observed.

The Chair announced that the Board of Trustees election would be conducted soon and that current Trustee and Professor Jeff Dembo indicated that he is not seeking re-election. Senators were encouraged to consider the position. The position is a three year term beginning on July 1, 2008.

The Chair added that Senate apportionment is to be concluded soon and followed by elections in various colleges.

The Honorary degrees previously recommended by the Senate were approved by the Board, including the Honorary degree for Gifford Blyton. The Chair urged Senators in light of that to attend the May graduation ceremony if possible.

2. [Principles of Gen Ed Reform \("second reading for action"\)](#)

The Chair noted that the abbreviated timeline was included in the handout. The Chair said that the SC had reviewed these thoroughly and approved unanimously with a recommendation that the Senate approve the set of principles as distributed. The Chair gave a brief background of this agenda item.

Discussion proceeded and a **vote** was taken to approve the Gen Ed proposal. The motion **passed** unanimously.

3. [Proposed Change to Senate Rules 5.1.8.2 & 6.1.3: Course Withdrawal Deadline Change and Academic Evaluation Deadline Change](#)

The Chair explained that this was a significant proposed change, but a simple one to change and extend the withdrawal period from 9 to 11 weeks. The Chair added that SC had approved this with positive recommendation to the Senate to approve the change in Course Withdrawal Deadline. The Chair added that if passed this would be effective Summer of 2008.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one objection and three abstentions.

4. [Proposed Change to Senate Rules 5.4.1.1: Application for Degrees \(Standardize Degree Application Deadline\)](#)

There was a **motion** to amend the text of the rule by deleting the first occurrence of the phrase “for degrees to be awarded beginning with May 2001”. This motion was **seconded**. A vote was taken on the **approval** of the amendment which passed with one **abstention**. A **vote** was taken on the amended proposal, which **passed** with one **objection** and one **abstention**, effective Fall 2008.

5. [Proposed Program Suspension: Secondary German Education](#)

A **vote** was taken to approve the proposal, effective immediately. The proposal was **approved** with one **objection**.

6. [Proposed Program Suspension: secondary Spanish Education](#)

A **vote** was taken to approve the proposal, effective immediately. The proposal was **approved** with one **objection**.

7. [Proposed Program Suspension: Secondary French Education](#)

A **vote** was taken to approve the proposal, effective immediately. The proposal was **approved** with one **objection**.

8. [Proposed Program Suspension: Secondary Classics Education](#)

A **vote** was taken to approve the proposal, effective immediately. The proposal was **approved** with one **objection**.

9. [Proposed Program Deletion: Doctor of Clinical Sciences with Emphasis in Hematology/Transplantation Science](#)

A **vote** was taken to approve the proposal effective December 2010. The proposal was **approved** unanimously.

10. [Proposed New University Scholars Program b/w BS Mechanical Engineering & MS in Biomedical Engineering](#)

A **vote** was taken to approve the proposal. The proposal was **approved** unanimously.

There being no further comments, the Chair thanked senators. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kaveh Tagavi*
Senate Council Chair

Prepared by Adrea LaRoche on March 28, 2008.

Absences: Adams, Anyaegbunam, Arnold, Barbee, Barnes, Bartilow, Bhatt, Bhavsar, Biagi, Bishop*, Blades, Brown, Bush, Butler, Cammers, Campbell*, Case*, Chappell, Cheng, Cibulka, Cibull, Crofford, Deem, Dembo*, DeSimone, Desormeaux, Dwoskin*, English, Evans, Ford, Fox, Frost, Goldsby*, Gonzalez, Hardesty*, Hardin-Pierce, Hayes*, Hazard*, Heller, Hoffman, Jackson, Jung, Karpf, Kim, Kirschling, Lee*, Lesnaw, Lester, Lillich, Luhan, Martin, Mattingly, McCormick, McKnight*, Medniondo*, Mehra*, Michael, Mobley, Nardolillo, Newman*, Parrish, Parrot, Patwardhan*, Perman, Phelps, Rauf*, Reed, Rieske-Kinney*, Roberts*, Sawaya*, Segerstrom, Shay, Smart, Smith, Snow*, Sottile, Stenhoff*, Storm, Sudharshan, Terrell, Todd, Tracy, Turner, Vasconez, Vestal, Webb, G. Williams, Wiseman, Witt, Wood, Woodruff, Wyatt.

* Due to time constraints, instead of University Senate Secretary David Randall, Senate Council Chair Kaveh A. Tagavi reviewed the minutes from the University Senate meeting on 3-17-08.