

University Senate  
April 12, 2021

The University Senate met in regular session at 3:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2021 via video conference. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken with the video conference “raise hand” feature. Specific voting information can be requested from the Office of the Senate Council.

Senate Council Chair Aaron Cramer (EN) called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:00 pm. He welcomed those present and informed them that the session was being recorded for note-taking purposes. He asked everyone to use the chat box to sign in for attendance but noted that the chat function is generally used for attendance and would not be monitored during the meeting. He asked everyone to mute themselves. He asked Senate members to send an email to Sheila Brothers if they become disconnected and cannot reconnect.

He provided guidance on how to participate in the discussion and how to vote. He welcomed senators and reminded them that Senate follows Robert’s Rules of Order. He asked that senators be civil and good citizens. He also asked everyone to participate in the meetings and share information with colleagues in their home units. He reminded senators to state their name and college affiliation before speaking.

#### 1. Minutes from March 8, 2021 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no edits were received for the minutes from March 8, 2021. There being **no objections**, the minutes from March 8, 2021 were **approved by unanimous consent**.

The Chair reported that he had asked ITS about how faculty using Scantron were consulted when ITS decided to end support for it. ITS has reconsidered their decision to end support for Scantron after consulting with programs that use it.

The Chair announced that the Senate Hearing Panel has a current case and will hold formal hearing in April. Sessions will be scheduled over four days and a link to livestream will be provided on the Senate website.

The Chair announced that email notices to senators for new web transmittals now include a list of the items on the transmittal.

The Chair reported that there has been discussion in the Coalition of Faculty Senate Leadership (COSFL) listserv about Gray Associates’ activity to evaluate the undergraduate programs in the state. The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and Gray Associates appear uninclined to meet with COSFL or. He will continue to keep SC informed of any updates.

The Chair reminded Senators of curricular proposal deadlines. If seeking a Fall 2021 effective date, curricular proposals must first be reviewed by the appropriate academic council(s) (GC, HCCC, UC) and received by the SC office after academic council approval by April 12, 2021 for courses, all other program changes, and minors. He noted that new deadlines for the next academic year will be discussed in May.

#### 2. Officer and Other Reports

##### a. Chair

The Chair reminded Senators that the Senate Rules (SRs) give SC and the SC Chair authority to take some actions on behalf of the Senate as long as they are reported to the Senate at its next meeting. Actions included:

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- SC approved a course calendar for AT 640 (short course prior to start of fall sports).
- SC approved a course calendar for GEN 300 (short course in August 2021, lull in fieldwork). The Chair determined that a temporary (Summer 2021) modality change for EAP 599 so that students could still study away in the United States, instead of abroad.

The Chair reminded senators of a communication from Vice Chair Collett regarding the Outstanding Senator Award and encouraged them to send in nominations.

The Chair reminded senators about the 2020-2021 Faculty Evaluation of the President. He encouraged senators to participate and for them to encourage their colleagues to participate. He noted that senators' answers are anonymous and are not tied to the respondent, but it is possible to see if a survey has been submitted.

The Chair announced that SC plans to meet for a retreat in the summer. They will be meeting in-person but will also have a remote option for members to attend.

The Chair reminded Senate of their discussion during the March Senate meeting about a three-year test-optional admissions pilot. Because some colleges have test-based selective admissions, the requirement that faculty approve collegewide test-selective admissions was briefly discussed during the meeting. Prior SC action granted approval for the non-test-selective admissions pilot. The Chair thanked Associate Vice President Christine Harper for her assistance in identifying that the Engineering and Nursing colleges have test-score selective admissions and the other colleges listed the on Admissions site with selective admissions programs are just not accepting Academic Preparation and Placement (APP). The Provost previously indicated he would follow up with Nursing, although Engineering unanimously approved the change the previous week.

The Chair reported that the three-year test-optional admissions pilot prompted discussion between Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) Chair Bird-Pollan and himself. SAASC plans to discuss admissions broadly, as well as Senate's authority over admissions rules. They will look at current processes and identify any areas where Senate oversight and current practices conflict.

The Chair reported that SC discussed campuswide committee nominees in March. He explained that SC opted not to provide nominees for one of the committees, Senate's Advisory Committee on the Faculty Code (SACFC) which is outlined in *Senate Rules (SR) Section 7* ("Code of Faculty Responsibilities"). This advisory committee is comprised of 3 panels, appointed by the President. He reported that SC discussed the nature of the code and whether it was in Senate's authority to enforce it. SC voted to ask Senate if they wish to compose an ad hoc committee to consider Section 7 (i.e. deleting, revising, addressing in some other way, etc.) and asked Senate to consider this request. He noted that it is unclear if any *Governing Regulations (GRs)* delegates oversight of faculty to the Senate but a process to raise complaints against faculty who violate the code (*SR 7.3*) is described with a provision of possible sanctions (*SR 7.3.1*). The Chair reported that he has a meeting planned with Legal Counsel for their interpretation and he will come back to SC and Senate for more discussion.

The Chair reported that administration's general preference for Fall 2021 teaching modalities is for the semester to be as normal as possible. There is recognition that there may be instances that require accommodation, so he is working on a compromise framework with the Provost's Office for instructors who are not comfortable teaching in-person this fall. He will share more information as it becomes available.

b. Provost

Provost David Blackwell thanked senators and faculty for their superb performance this spring to create a robust educational experience and recognized their sacrifices to help the University navigate through the pandemic. He also recognized senators' importance in shared governance.

The Provost announced a new summer program targeting approximately 500 first-time freshmen with an opportunity to come to campus for an early residential experience which includes extracurricular activities, academic support, and up to six hours of classes.

The Provost provided updates about the College of Arts and Sciences Interim Dean, Acting Dean of Lewis Honors College, and the Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Graduate School Dean search. He noted that the Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Graduate School Dean search was paused early in the semester due to the announcement of his transition and President Capilouto asked for more involvement. The provost explained that he met with the President, and they went individually over each of the seven finalists and reviewed materials. He reported that he and the President both met with the co-chairs of the search committee and went through the candidates one-by one. The provost and the President then narrowed the semi-finalists down to potential finalists for the role. The provost then communicated to the University Senate that he intends to announce later this afternoon that it will be a sole finalist. He also provided an update about the University budget, noting expenses related to Covid, a 2% increase of state funding to higher education, the potential for a modest compensation increase, and exploration of a modest tuition increase. He also indicated that they are working to minimize the impact of rising costs of benefits and are continuing the process of increasing the minimum pay rate. He noted that a draft report was submitted to Gray Associates in January, but they have not responded to the University. Vice Provost Holloway added that additional information is expected in September.

The floor was opened for questions. The Provost clarified that the draft report that UK turned in to Gray Associates was still marked as a "draft" so it could not yet be shared publicly. He responded to questions about college budget reductions and the restructured performance fund. He also addressed online tuition rates and his reason for choosing only one finalist for the Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Graduate School Dean search.

c. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair reported that senators should have received an email from her with details about the Outstanding Senator Award and encouraged them to send in nominations. She also reported that the Faculty Evaluation of the President was recently emailed to all faculty and emphasized the importance of participation.

d. Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian Doug Michael (LA) did not have a report to give.

e. Trustee

Trustees Lee Blonder (ME) and Hollie Swanson (ME) did not have a report to give but encouraged senators to email them with any issues.

3. Old Business

a. Senate's Research and Graduate Education Committee (SRGEC): Response to Proposed Changes to Undergraduate Research

SRGEC Chair Cantrell (ED) explained the committee's response to proposed changes to Undergraduate Research and their recommendations. There were no questions.

4. Memorial Resolution for Professor Michael Goodin (Presented by Professor Nicole Gauthier)

Professor Nicole Gauthier (AG) read a memorial resolution in honor of Professor Michael Goodin.

Michael Goodin, PhD  
1967 - 2020  
Plant Pathology  
UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

Dr. Michael Goodin passed away unexpectedly on December 12, 2020. He was a beloved father, husband, friend, scientist, teacher, artist, and professor.

Dr. Goodin was born in Jamaica April 8, 1967 into a loving and diverse family absorbing much of his love of life, family, and experience from the island. In his adolescence, he experienced political turmoil in Jamaica, prompting him to move to Canada where he completed high school in Hamilton, Ontario and dual undergraduate degrees in Biology and Chemistry at Brock University. He then went on to Penn State University where he earned a PhD in Plant Pathology and then to the University of California at Berkeley for postdoctoral studies. It was at UC Berkeley that he met and married his wife, Angelika Fath.

In 2002, Dr. Goodin joined the Plant Pathology department in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment where he launched a successful academic career. He soon established the Plant Imaging Core that supports state-of-the-art equipment and techniques. His research at the interface of plant and animal virology led to his appointment to the NIH VIRA study section, where he served as the sole plant virologist from 2015 until his death. He was a founding editor of the Annual Review of Virology and, in 2018, was awarded the title of American Society for Microbiology Honorary Diversity Lecturer in recognition of his scholarship, research, and creativity.

Dr. Goodin was an engaging and loved professor who led his students in the Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology Program to embrace both academics and life. He infused his courses with his varied life experiences and passions for nature, food, music, photography, and human diversity in all its varied experiences, backgrounds, and hues. His interests were vast. He had special talents in photography and culinary arts for which he was recognized by local media. He would generously entertain students, faculty, and friends by leading, for example, an annual fall hike in the Kentucky Knobs, where he induced both educational enrichment and appetite for his delectable barbeque served right after. UK honored Dr. Goodin with the 2012 Teacher Who Made a Difference Award and the 2014 CAFE Student Council Outstanding Teacher Award.

Dr. Goodin provided outstanding service to his department, college, and university. He was an innovative instructional leader who reworked foundational classes. He most recently spearheaded and taught an interdisciplinary course that used the subject and

substance of coffee to integrate plant biology and plant pathology with economics, history and social science. He served most recently as a member of the Undergraduate Council and the University Senate.

Dr. Goodin saw and brought out the best in everyone. He reached them through conversation, coffee, science, food, and the arts. He touched many friends, students, and acquaintances with his passions for life and his exuberant, heartfelt laughter.

Dr. Goodin had an intense love of family. He is survived by his wife, Angelika, and two children Sophia and Joshua, his brother, David Goodin, and his family, and by three aunts, Eileen Goodin, Barbara Clarke, and Mary Hughes.

Gauthier (AG) moved that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the University Senate and that a copy be sent to Dr. Goodin's family. Bradley (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. A moment of silence was held in Professor Goodin's honor

## 5. Committee Reports

### a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Leslie Vincent, Chair

#### i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis

Vincent (BE) described the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis. There were no questions. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate: Applied Behavior Analysis, in the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counselor Education, within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with two opposed.

#### ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Sales

Andrade (ME) described the proposed new Undergraduate Certificate in Sales. There were no questions. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve a new Undergraduate Certificate: Sales, in the Dept of Marketing and Supply Chain, in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and two abstained.

#### iii. Proposed New USP between BA Health, Society and Populations and Masters in Public Health (MPH)

Vincent (BE) described the proposed new USP between BA Health, Society and Populations and Masters in Public Health (MPH). There were no questions. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program between the BA Health, Society and Populations in Arts and Sciences and Masters in Public Health (MPH) in Public Health. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

#### iv. Proposed New USP between BA Public Policy and Master of Public Policy

Vincent (BE) described the proposed new USP between BA Public Policy and Master of Public Policy. There were no questions. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program: BA Public Policy and Master of Public Policy in the Martin School of Public Administration within the Graduate School.

Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

v. Proposed Significant Change to MS Data Science

Vincent (BE) described the proposed significant change to MS Data Science. There were no questions. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the significant change to the MS: Data Science, in the Department of Computer Science within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

6. Request from College of Engineering for Expedited Review of Proposed Deletion of Senate Rules 10.5.1.3 ("Academic Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal Policies for Particular Programs," "College of Engineering")

Associate Dean for Administration and Academic Affairs Kim Anderson explained the proposed deletion of SR 10.5.1.3 "Academic Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal Policies for Particular Programs" for the College of Engineering. There were no questions. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the expedited review process and recommend that Senate approve the proposed deletion of SR 10.5.1.3 ("College of Engineering," "Academic Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal Policies") effective Fall 2021. Because the motion came from SC, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

7. Request for Extension of Badge Pilot

Associate Provost of Teaching, Learning, and Academic Innovation Kathi Kern explained the request to extend the digital badge pilot. The floor was opened for questions and there was discussion about the typical specifications for a badge program and future development of an assessment policy. There was also clarification about who can be admitted to a badge program and the anticipated steps to formalize badges after the pilot is over. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the extension of the Digital Badge Program Pilot until the end of the 2021 calendar year. Because the motion came from SC, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and three abstained.

8. Items from the Floor

There were no items from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by, DeShana Collett  
University Senate Vice Chair

Absences: Abdel-Latif, Allday\*, Barron, Baur\*, Birdwhistell, Boyd, Calvert, Carver\*, Charnigo\*, Chishti, Collins, Cox, Davis (Mary), DiPaola, Elder, Gent, Guy, Hall (Claire), Harper, Heath\*, Heilig, Horvath, Jackson, Johnson (Julia), Lumpp, Martin, Mehra, Michael, Miller (Hannah), Miller (Jay), Morgan, Neiheisel, Okeson, Phillips (Jada), Richey, Sands, Sheather, Snyder, Swartz, Tagavi, Taylor, Troland, Unrine, Usher, VanGilder, Vernon, Vosevich, Wheeler, Wilkinson, Wilson, Wright (Alison), and Wright (George).

\* Denotes an explained absence.

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Guests present: Carmen Agouridis, Kimberly Anderson, Laura Ansel, Karen Badger, Rick Bennett, Anna Bosch, Sheila Brothers, Nan Brown, Judi Burgess, Mei Chen, Tricia Coakley, Joanie Ett-Mims, Angelika Fath-Goodin, Esther Fleming, Tracie Hutchison, Davy Jones, Kathi Kern, John Kirn, Brooke Kuerzi, Lee Brian, Katherine McCormick, Darlene, Mylin, Tina Navis, Sue Roberts, Christopher Schardl, Sally Shepley, David Silverstein, Susan Skees, Reginald Souleyrette, Tammy Stephenson, Ann Vail, and Paul Vincelli.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on April 26, 2021.