

University Senate
February 11, 2013

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 11, 2103 in the Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Lee X. Blonder called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:01 pm. She reminded senators to:

- Remember to sign upon arrival;
- Give one's name and affiliation when speaking;
- Attend meetings;
- Respond to emails and web postings as appropriate;
- Acknowledge and respect others;
- Silence electronic devices; and
- Communicate with constituencies.

Regarding communication, the Chair said that Finkel, who takes copious notes on Senate meetings, was willing to share his notes with any other senator upon request.

1. President Eli Capilouto, University Senate Chair

The Chair introduced University Senate Chair (and President) Eli Capilouto. President Capilouto offered senators a presentation that offered updates on a variety of UK's initiatives. He talked about UK's building initiatives; legislative activities; the Big Blue Nation United campaign; the Confucius Institute; the most recent meeting agenda of the University Athletics Committee of the Board of Trustees (focus on student athletes' academic success); e-learning and the Board of Trustees' hour-long discussion on the topic at its January meeting; the provost search committee; and the values-based financial model. The President then asked Vice President for Facilities Bob Wiseman to give senators an update on the campus master plan. Guest Wiseman did so, and also gave senators the URL of UK's campus master plan website, which includes all the maps (interactive and static), minutes of meetings with constituency groups, etc.

President Capilouto returned to the podium and offered a few final comments. He spoke about the National Cancer Institute's invitation to UK to compete for a National Cancer Institute designation and the recent site visit; the new National Center for Innovation in Education at UK; dinner with recipients of the Alumni Association's Great Teacher Awards; and the individuals involved in helping a deceased student's family find closure and continue to feel they are part of the UK family. When he was finished, he solicited questions from senators.

Grossman asked the President to elaborate on the proposed new science building, specifically the disciplines that will move into the building and the range of activities it will accommodate. The President asked Wiseman to offer details. Wiseman explained that the building has not yet been planned. He said it was a very important building to get right; the first step is to assemble faculty from different disciplines to figure out the concepts that will be incorporated into the building. They will do their work before the designers or architects begin. The challenge is not to find a replacement for the current Chemistry-Physics Building, but rather to create a space that will accommodate different academic trends over the next 40 years. President Capilouto added that he assumed there would be research

space inside. UK will probably not have the funds to finish the entire building, but it can complete some space and shell out the rest; UK will need to have space available if and when the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health rebound economically.

Debski commented that she had spent years of her life serving on planning committees for new biology space; she asked for assurance that the new science building was still a priority and that money will be available to fund it. The President replied that the new science building was estimated to cost about \$100 million dollars, with the Athletics Department funding \$65 million of it. The remaining balance is expected to be bridged through philanthropy and the recurring monies UK has carved out to pay for debt service.

The Chair said there was time for one more question and asked if anyone who had not yet asked a question wanted to do so. After a brief silence, Brion asked about the \$22 million that was recently “found.” The President replied that the vast majority of the money came from a change in the enrollment mix and growth; increased retention and graduation rates positively impact the availability of recurring funds.

Senators gave President Capilouto a round of applause.

2. Minutes from December 10, 2012 and Announcements

The Chair reported that the minutes from December 10, 2012 were sent out, and no changes or corrections were received. Therefore, because there were no corrections, the minutes from December 10, 2012 stood **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair then reported that the day’s meeting was the last Senate meeting for Michelle Sohner, the Senate’s Sergeant at Arms. Ms. Sohner began serving as the University Senate’s Sergeant at Arms when she was hired to work in the Ombud’s office in 1990. The Chair presented Ms. Sohner with a plaque on behalf of the Senate. Photos were taken of Ms. Sohner, the Chair, President Capilouto, and past Senate Council Chairs. Senators gave her a round of applause.

There were a variety of announcements.

- There are three new SC members, who are serving three-year terms, through December 31, 2105.
 - Alice Christ (FA/Art and Visual Studies)
 - Andrew Hippisley (AS/English)
 - Dave Watt (ME/Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry)
- There were plans to use clicker technology in Senate meetings. Upon further investigation, the idea has been tabled due to the amount of time it would take to manage the process and set them up for Senate meetings.
- Connie Wood (AS/Statistics) was elected to serve as SC Vice Chair; her term begins June 1, 2013 and ends May 31, 2014.
- The Ad Hoc Committee on Ex Officio Members and their Voting Rights resumes meetings this semester.

- Due to changes to the *Senate Rules* (approved by the Senate) the Health Care Colleges Council will no longer review graduate courses or programs, unless there is a clinical component. The Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) is working on a "litmus test" to sort out proposals.
- The SC appointed two additional faculty to the Senate's Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC), Scott Wright (FA) and Ryan Hargrove (AG). They have been appointed to the Student Housing Academic Advisory Committee chaired by Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Mock.
- SC members had an opportunity to chat with Board of Trustees Chair E. Britt Brockman, MD in January. No business was conducted.
- On behalf of the SC and Senate, the Chair approved the inclusion of two students to the December 2012 degree list, one with a BA in Agricultural Economics and one with a BS in Horticulture, Plant and Soil Science.
- The SC approved a small change to the 2013-2014 calendar for the Graduate School. The last day for candidates for a May degree to sit for a final examination changed from April 18 to April 19.
- Regarding the Senate action on the December action to reactivate the BA/BS in Foreign Language and International Economics (FLIE), the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) was never notified to discontinue the FLIE program so it was still in their degree inventory. The CPE was simply informed of the reactivation and there was no need to send it to the Board of Trustees.
- eCATS, the electronic curricular approval tracking system, is still in its first-year pilot. There was a recent discovery that some courses were arriving in the SC office months after the last council approved them. The office is working with IT to address this and some other issues.
- Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement G. T. Lineberry appointed an advisory group which consists of several faculty nominated by the SC. The SC Chair is an ex officio member.
- Ms. Brothers is taking a 5 pm class this semester, so she will leave Senate meetings shortly before 5. Vice Chair Grossman will take notes after she leaves.
- The UK Alumni Association has named the recipients of its 2013 Great Teacher Award:
 - Karen Badger (SW) (senator)
 - Roberta Dwyer (AG)
 - Samuel Franklin (ME)
 - John Grove (AG)
 - Armando Prats (AS) (senator)
 - Gerald Smith (AS)

Senators gave the award recipients a round of applause.

3. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair's Report – Lee X. Blonder

The Chair reported that she met with President Capilouto to discuss the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Multidisciplinary Centers and Programs. The President said he will look comprehensively at the report and share it with a variety of other individuals and solicit additional input. The ad hoc committee's report is on today's agenda for presentation – no action is required. There were no questions from senators.

b. Trustee Report - John Wilson

Wilson said he sent an email recently to all faculty – if there are any problems with receiving his emails, please let him know. It is important to continue different forms of communication. He added that he sends Board members the same emails that he sends to all faculty. Wilson said he was still in the process of going around to each college to solicit faculty input in person. There were no questions from senators.

4. Proposed May 2013 Honorary Degree Recipients (three nominees) - Jeannine Blackwell, Chair, University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees

Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School and the chair of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees, gave senators a presentation on the three individuals proposed to receive honorary degrees at Commencement in May.

After her presentation, the Chair asked if there were any questions, but there were none. She said that the **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve the three honorary degree candidates and their respective degrees (Honorary Doctor of Humanities, Honorary Doctor of Science and Honorary Doctor of Humanities) for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended recipients of honorary degrees to be conferred by the Board. Because the motion came from committee, there was no need for a **second**.

The Chair reminded senators that only elected faculty senators were eligible to vote. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining. The Chair reminded senators to please keep the names confidential until after the Board of Trustees approves the names.

5. Proposed Final Approval for One-Year Masters in Public Administration and One-Year Masters in Public Policy Program: Calendar Change

The director of graduate studies, Dwight Denison, explained the proposal. Finkel asked if the proposed changes were in compliance with the Senate Rule regarding the allowable student credit load per semester. Denison replied that it was; the matter was specifically discussed by the SC and the current proposal included a change from the original to ensure compliance with that rule. Bailey asked about the reference to program fees. Denison replied that there have been preliminary discussions with the Provost's office about it and that it was his understanding that the Provost's office would need to offer formal approval for any such fee. There were no further questions.

The Chair said that the recommended **motion** from the SC was that the Senate approve the calendar for the proposed one-year Master in Public Administration and proposed one-year master in Public Policy, in addition to the traditional two-year program, effective immediately. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and four abstaining.

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Andrew Hippisley, Chair

i. Proposed New University Scholars Program - BA/BS German and MA German

Hippisley explained the proposal for a new University Scholars Program of a BA/BS German and MA in German. The recommended **motion** from the SC was that the Senate approve the creation of a new University Scholars Program for a BA/BS to MA in German. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There being no questions or discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

ii. Suspend Admissions to Master of Science in Nursing

Hippisley explained the proposal to suspend admissions to the Master of Science in Nursing. The recommended **motion** from the SC was that the Senate approve the suspension of admissions into the Master of Science in Nursing. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

Kovash asked if students in the Phd Nursing program could still earn a master's degree if they could not complete the PhD requirements. After a few additional comments, Graduate School Dean Blackwell explained that the MSN was a practitioner's degree, but because of nursing developments nationwide, that terminal degree has moved to a Doctor of Nursing Practice. The MSN was never a fallback for the PhD, which is exclusively a research degree. Bailey then asked about the forty percent of the Nursing faculty who were not in favor of the change. College of Nursing Interim Dean Patricia Howard opined that the period of transition was probably a cause for concern among some faculty. There were no further questions.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and six abstaining.

iii. Suspend Admissions to Master of Arts in Library Science

Hippisley explained the proposal to suspend admissions into the Master of Arts in Library Science. The recommended **motion** from the SC was that the Senate approve the suspension of admissions into the Master of Arts in Library Science. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

Grossman wondered why, if there has only been one student in the program for many years, the proposal was to suspend admissions, and not to delete the program altogether. Guest Will Buntin (Library and Information Science/CI) explained that the department acted as it did based on consultations with the Graduate School, which recommended that they gather additional information and then make a final decision whether or not to delete it in the future.

There being no further questions, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iv. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Instructional Communication

Hippisley explained the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in Instructional Communication. The recommended **motion** from the SC was that the Senate approve the establishment of the new Graduate Certificate in Instructional Communication in the Division of Instructional Communication, within the College of Communication and Information. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

In response to Finkel, Guest Sellnow said that it was not currently possible to earn the entire program via distance learning. Grossman asked if the list of graduate certificate associates will have the authority to make changes to the certificate as the responsible faculty for the program. Sellnow replied that they would. Grossman then asked about endorsements or involvement from the College of Education.

Sellnow explained that there was a letter of support from Dean Mary John O'Hair of the College of Education included in the proposal. Watkins asked if non-degree-seeking students could apply, or if admission was restricted to only actively enrolled, degree-seeking students. Guest Tim Sellnow (associate dean for graduate studies) confirmed that both types of students could apply for admission into the certificate.

There being no further questions, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and two abstaining.

b. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Raphael Finkel, Chair

a. Proposed Changes to Admissions Requirements for Human Nutrition and Dietetics Undergraduate Programs in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Finkel explained the proposed changes. The recommended **motion** (with a positive recommendation) from the SC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to the admissions requirements for Human Nutrition and Dietetics Undergraduate Programs in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, effective fall 2013. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

Swanson asked if Finkel had any opinions about future departments who might want to increase their program's required GPA. Finkel opined that there would come a time when students who could not succeed in 300-level courses and above would earn something akin to a general studies program. Bailey asked about the rationale for the changes. Sandra Bastin, interim department chair, Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, said that students with lower GPAs are unable to get into competitive internships. She added that there are not many appeals and that many students simply could not pass chemistry and organic chemistry classes. There being no further questions, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed and three abstaining.

ii. Response from Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards on SACSCOC Residency Language - Senate Rules 5.4.1 ("Residence Requirements")

The Chair explained that the SAASC was asked to offer recommendations on the residency language in the *Senate Rules* that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) questioned. The recommendation **motion** (with a positive recommendation) from SC was that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1* ("Residence Requirements"). Finkel explained that UK's policy was slightly different from that of SACSCOC, so a request to change the language was considered. The SAASC recommended that language be added to clarify that "a course taken from UK" means, specifically, a course with a UK course number and taught by a UK instructor. It will not include credit transferred to UK or study abroad, unless taught by a UK instructor. He said there was concern in UK's offices that focus on international studies (study abroad and student exchanges) about the proposed rules' affect on student participation in study abroad opportunities. Finkel said that he could not offer an amendment, since the SAASC had not voted on one, but said it could fix the problem.

After brief discussion, Steiner **moved** to table the proposal and return it to the Senate at the March meeting. Wasilkowski **seconded**. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with a vast majority in favor, one opposed and one abstaining.

c. Ad Hoc Committee on Multidisciplinary Centers and Programs Report - Robert Grossman, Chair

The Chair explained that the SC accepted the report, commended the committee on their hard work and dissolved the committee. She asked Grossman to review the report with senators. Grossman said he would offer a summary of highlights and gave a presentation to senators and also answered questions.

7. Education Abroad Course Approval Process (First Annual Report) - Associate Provost for International Affairs Susan Carvalho

Associate Provost for International Affairs Susan Carvalho offered a report on Education Abroad courses (approval process) as well as an update on *Administrative Regulations 4:9* ("International Education Travel"). She answered questions from senators.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Grossman,
University Senate Secretary

Invited guests present: Sandra Bastin, Will Buntin, Susan Carvalho, Jeff Dembo, Dwight Denison, Patricia Howard, Dave Randall, Deanna Sellnow, Tim Sellnow, Kaveh Tagavi, Bob Wiseman and Ernie Yanarella.

Absences: Adams, I, Adams, M, Anderson, D*, Anderson, H, Anderson, K*, Anstead, Arthur*, Badger*, Bailey, Ballard, Bayliff, Bilas, Blackwell, D, Bland, Brennen, Bruzina, Capilouto, Coyne, Crampton*, de Beer, Deep, Dietz, Dupont-Versteegden, Eckman, Farrell, Feist-Price, Garrity*, Graf, Hardin-Pierce, Hong-McAtee, Jackson, J, Jackson, V, Kaplan, Kirschling, Latham, Leahy, Lee*, Martin, McCormick, McNamara, Mehra, Michelman, Mock, O'Conner*, Plamp, Porter, Pulliam, Rabel, Richey, Rogers*, Sekulic, Sexton, Smith, Speaks, Stanley*, Stombaugh, Tick, Tracy, J, Tracy, T, Turner, Walz, Withers, Witt, Wood*, Wright*, Yelowitz.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, March 8, 2013.

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.