

University Senate  
February 11, 2019

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 11, 2019 in the Athletics Association Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired. Due to a software failure, all votes were taken via a show of hands.

Senate Council Vice Chair Jennifer Osterhage (AS) called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:01 pm. She explained that the Chair, Bird-Pollan, was travelling and therefore absent, so due to her role as vice chair, Osterhage was chairing the meeting. The Vice Chair further explained that there was a problem with the software used for voting and that there was no need to pick up the voting devices. She said that votes for the day would be taken via a show of hands.

The Vice Chair reviewed the regular reminders to senators, including Senate following Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised), and asked senators to be civil and to participate, and to share Senate's activities with colleagues.

1. Minutes from January 14, 2019 and Announcements

The Vice Chair reported that no edits to the minutes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from January 11, 2109 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Vice Chair offered a series of announcements to senators.

The Vice Chair informed senators that the date of the April Senate meeting had changed. The Senate had originally been scheduled to meet on March 18, April 8, and May 6. The Board of Trustees meeting is April 30, though, and the degree lists will be on that agenda. The Vice Chair explained that in order to have the Senate approve the degree lists, the timing of degree list approvals had to change. Taking the degree lists to the April 8 Senate meeting was too early and could result in a lot of late additions having to be approved later. The May 6 meeting was too late – the Board would have already met. The Senate Council (SC) ultimately voted to change the meeting date from April 8 to April 22. Therefore, the remaining Senate meetings will be on March 18, April 22, and May 6.

The SC's ad hoc Committee on Academic Engagement (regarding title IV-related matters) will meet soon; it was originally scheduled to meet when UK closed due to cold weather.

UK is making available formal guidance regarding a faculty member's UK-related responsibilities and running for political office. Until that information is available, faculty with questions can contact Associate Provost for Faculty Engagement G. T. Lineberry for details.

The Vice Chair provided senators with yet another reminder that curricular that proposals must be reviewed by the appropriate academic council(s) (Graduate Council, Health Care Colleges Council, and Undergraduate Council) and received by the SC office by:

- February 11, 2019 for new degree program proposals.
- March 15, 2019 for other proposals requiring committee review (new certificates, transfers of a degree, new department, change to credit hours required for graduation, significant program changes, etc.).
- April 15, 2019 for courses, all other program changes, and minors.

The Vice Chair noted that the first deadline was that day, February 11. Grossman (AS, faculty trustee) added that people can continue to submit proposals after the deadlines, but there would be less assurance that proposals could be approved with a fall 2019 effective date.

## 2. Officer and Other Reports

### a. Chair

The Vice Chair reminded those present that the new “fall break” academic holiday will be in fall 2019. It will be held annually on the Monday and Tuesday of the fall semester’s ninth week, which means in fall 2019 it will occur on October 21 (Monday) and October 22 (Tuesday). The Vice Chair urged senators to share this information widely with colleagues. Also, the 2019-20 and tentative 2021-22 calendars are on a web transmittal for Senate approval. The Vice Chair urged senators to review that transmittal.

The *Senate Rules (SRs)* give the SC the authority to make minor changes to academic calendars, as long as they are reported to Senate. The Vice Chair reported that on February 4, the SC approved a nonstandard calendar for the College of Education’s Teacher Education Unit; the new academic holiday (two-day fall break) was the impetus for the change, because of the need to ensure student teachers complete required 70 days of student teaching.

### b. Provost

The Vice Chair reported that Provost David Blackwell was home ill, so there was no report from him.

### c. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair, noting she was serving as Chair, said she had no such report.

### d. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Douglas Michael (LA) said he had no report.

### e. Trustee

Blonder (ME, faculty trustee) informed senators about the upcoming Board meetings on February 21 and February 22.

## 3. Memorial Resolution for Professor Grace Jones (Presented by Professor Liz Debski)

Debski (AS) read a memorial resolution for Professor Grace Jones.

Memorial Resolution for Professor Grace Jones, Dept. of Biology, College of Arts & Sciences  
Presented To the University Senate, February 11, 2019

Grace Jones passed from this life on January 12, 2019 at the age of 67.

She is survived by her husband Davy, in whose arms she died.

Born in Hong Kong, Grace received a bachelor's and master's degree in biology, a Doctor of Education with emphasis in Entomology, and a doctorate in entomology from UC Davis in 1983.

Grace began as a UK faculty member in the Department of Entomology in 1984 as an assistant research professor and then associate research professor, studying insect biochemistry and molecular biology. She joined UK's School of Biological Sciences in 1991, advancing from assistant professor to associate professor with tenure and finally full professor in 1999.

During a career focused on understanding the regulation of moth development by juvenile hormone, she was awarded millions of dollars in grant funds from NIH and NSF, reporting her findings in well over 100 publications in prestigious journals. An internationally known scientist, she had various visiting appointments over the years at Harvard, MIT and Baylor Universities. She also established a program to bring visiting young scientists from Poland to her lab for further training.

In what spare time she had, she enjoyed painting and pursuing the dim sum of her youth.

Grace suffered a severe stroke in 2000, complications from which ultimately took her life. But the determination and courage with which she fought for 18 years to overcome difficult physical challenges in order to successfully continue her academic teaching and research were an inspiration to all and forever earned her the moniker of “Amazing Grace.” Grace volunteered in a physical rehabilitation clinical trial at Cardinal Hill and availed herself every year to clinical training of Physical Therapy students. She will be sorely missed. A fund is being established in her memory with the Kentucky Appalachian Rural Rehabilitation Network, to aid persons and families challenged with stroke or physical disability.

I move that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the University Senate and that a copy be sent to Professor Jones’ family.

Debski **moved** that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of the University Senate and that a copy be sent to Professor Jones’ family. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with all present in favor. Jones, D. (ME) thanked senators for the resolution and senators expressed their condolences via a somber round of applause.

The Vice Chair suggested a moment of silence and with quiet contemplation, senators honored Professor Jones and her lifetime of contributions.

#### 4. Old Business

##### a. Update on Online Initiative – Provost David Blackwell and Associate Provost for Teaching, Learning, and Academic Innovation Kathi Kern

The Vice Chair reminded senators that the January 14 Senate meeting went past 5 pm, so some senators might have had to leave before the presentation or question-and-answer period ended. As a result, the Chair had asked Provost Blackwell and Associate Provost for Teaching, Learning, and Academic Innovation Kathi Kern to return in case there were senators who had questions or comments and both agreed to return. [Provost Blackwell was ill and could not attend.]

Kern provided senators with an overview of her comments from the January meeting and answered a variety of questions from senators. When there were no further questions, Kern thanked senators for being invited to return.

#### 5. Degree Recipients

##### a. Late Addition to December 2018 Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2) i. College of Nursing Student JM-75

The Vice Chair explained that when the degree application was entered, the wrong year was chosen. The **motion** from the SC was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the December 2018 degree by adding the BSN for student JM-75 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2018. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 6. Committee Reports

##### a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

###### i. Proposed New BS in Sustainable Agriculture and Community Food Systems

Cramer (EN), chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Vice Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BS in Sustainable Agriculture and Community Food Systems, in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. 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.

###### ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Musculoskeletal Injury Management

Cramer (EN) explained the proposal. There was one factual question. The Vice Chair said that the **motion** was a recommendation that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Musculoskeletal Injury Management, in the Department of Athletic Training and Clinical Nutrition within the College of Health Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate on the proposal. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### b. Senate Committee on Distance Learning and eLearning (SCDLLeL) – Roger Brown, Chair

###### a. Proposed Change to *Senate Rules 5.1.8.1* (“Unilateral Removal for Failure to Attend First Two Class Periods”)

Brown (AG), chair of the Senate Committee on Distance Learning and eLearning (SCDLLeL), explained the proposal and answered a few questions of fact. The **motion** was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 5.1.8.1* (“Unilateral Removal for Failure to Attend First Two Class Periods”), effective immediately. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate on the proposal. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### c. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – Davy Jones, Chair

###### a. Renumbering of *Senate Rules*

The Vice Chair explained that Grossman (AS, faculty trustee), also a member of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), would explain the renumbering. Grossman explained that the organization of the *SRs* became somewhat haphazard over time, with different sections being written by different people at different times. Grossman, with the SREC's approval, renumbered the *SRs* so the headers were all consistently numbered; he also applied the Microsoft function for headers. Previously where there were letters in an *SR* reference, there was now a series of numbers. He said that the header numbers were arranged automatically by Word, which also allowed the table of contents to display lower levels of details. The new format also made it easier to hyperlink to other sections of the document, rather than just provide a reference number.

During the renumbering process, Grossman created a “crosswalk” that correlates the individual references in the old numbering system with the new references in the newly renumbered version. He

noted that Word did not allow headers numbers after the decimal point to begin with a “0,” so those references were all changed to a “1.” Most of the As became 1s, most of the Bs became 2s, etc. Grossman stated that the SREC ruled that the Crosswalk was the official point of reference in determining what an *SR* reference in a syllabus referred to in the new numbering system. The newly numbered set of *SRs* will be posted on the Senate site after the Senate’s review. There were a few questions.

b. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 2.0* (“Rules Relating to Calendar”)

Jones, D. (ME), chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), gave background information about the proposal. He then explained the first SREC recommendation to the Senate, regarding use of the word “term.” He added that assuming the Senate approved the change, the SREC would then be free to apply that usage throughout the *SRs*, as well as add it to the Glossary in the *SRs*.

The Vice Chair asked if there were any questions of fact but there were none. The Vice Chair said that the first motion was a recommendation that the Senate approve the redefinition of the calendar word “term,” to be codified in both Section 2 and Glossary. 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.

Jones, D. (ME) then explained the second recommendation from the SREC, regarding two academic holidays in the fall semester. There were no questions of fact. The Vice Chair said that the **motion** was a recommendation that that the Senate approve the first academic holiday (occurring near midterm) be officially named “Fall Break” and the second (occurring near the University Thanksgiving Holiday) be officially named “Thanksgiving Break.” Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate on the proposal. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Proposed New *Senate Rule 1.4.3.6* (“Senate Technology Committee”)

The Vice Chair explained the proposal and solicited questions of fact, but there were none. The **motion** was a recommendation to create the new Senate Technology Committee as described in the proposal and codify it in the *Senate Rules*. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Vice Chair called for debate.

Pool (AS), chair of the Senate's Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC), said that the SAFC was charged by the *SRs* to be concerned about a long list of matters, including computers. He added that his intent was not to defend that portion of the SAFC’s current charge, but rather to discuss what an overlap in committee charges might involve. Guest Beth Kraemer, a member of the SC’s ad hoc Committee on Technology, said that the overlap had not come up in previous discussions and Lauersdorf (AS, chair of the SC’s ad hoc Committee on Technology) concurred. There was additional discussion.

Grossman (AS, faculty trustee) said that an effort was currently ongoing to ask committee chairs to work with committee members to redefine committee charges, perhaps by updating or clarifying the charges. Grossman suggested that the current proposal be approved as is, with the expectation that ongoing initiative and future discussions between both chairs would resolve the overlap. There was no additional debate.

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

**8. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)**

The Vice Chair asked if there were any items from the floor that needed to be discussed, but no one raised their hand.

Grossman (AS) **moved** to adjourn and Cross (CI) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Osterhage,  
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Cantrell\*; English\*; Griggs; Guy; Hamilton\*; Hampton; Harmon; Harper; Heileman; Huang; Inman\*; Jackson; Kelley; Kennedy\*; Kerns; Kim; Kirk; Koch\*; Kornbluh; Lane; Lephart; Lovan; Mardini; Martin; McCormick; McGillis; Mitchell; Murray; Musoni; Obute; Quinn; Richey; Roch; Runyon; Scaggs; Sheather; Stevens; Stevenson; Urschel\*; Vail ; Vosevich; Walker; Ward; Wasilkowski\*; Wilcock; Wilson; Wittkamp; and Zeadally.

Invited guests present: Phillip Gribble, Krista Jacobsen, Kathi Kern, and Kirsten Turner.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

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\* Denotes an explained absence.