

University Senate  
February 14, 2011

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 14, 2011 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.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:08 pm. The Chair offered a presentation to senators to facilitate the meeting.

1. Minutes from December

The Chair commented that there were a few grammatical changes to the minutes. Grossman **moved** to approve the Senate minutes from November 8 and December 13, 2011 as amended. Brion **seconded**. There being no objections, the minutes from November 8, 2011 and December 13, 2011 stood as approved.

The Chair reported a variety of announcements. Regarding the Gen Ed implementation, she commented that there was a need to quickly change many of UK's undergraduate degree programs. The SC approved the use of a specialized form to change a program's requirements. All college approvals remain the same. The Undergraduate Council will review the expedited Gen Ed program change and then send to Office of the Senate Council (OSC). The OSC will review and send them directly to the Registrar's Office as approved. There were no objections from senators.

2. Officer and Other Reports

There were a variety of reports. The Chair reported on the status of the progress towards the goal of enhancing the voice of the faculty. She reported on the Senate's Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC) report, as well as cost-savings/revenue-generating ideas that Provost Subbaswamy solicited from the SC. Vice Chair Debra Anderson reported on the progress of the curricular document handling system. Parliamentarian Catherine Seago shared information about debate, points of order and points of information. Faculty trustee Joe Peek talked about a few agenda items that will be on the next Board of Trustees agenda. Faculty representative on the Presidential Search Committee Lee Meyer offered an update on the presidential search.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC): Dan Wermeling, Chair

Suspend Minor in Agriculture

Wermeling explained the proposal. The Chair asked for debate and there were some comments. The **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the suspension of the Minor in Agriculture, effective fall 2011. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Teaching Nursing

Wermeling explained the proposal. The Chair asked for debate and there were some comments. The **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Teaching Nursing, effective fall 2011. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Masters in Civil Engineering Suspension

Wermeling explained the proposal. The Chair asked for debate and there were a few comments. The **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the proposed suspension of the Masters in Civil Engineering, effective fall 2011. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### Proposed Suspension of MA Distributive Education

Wermeling explained the proposal. The Chair asked for debate and there were no comments. The **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the proposed suspension of the Master of Arts in Distributive Education, effective fall 2011. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### b. Senate's Admission and Academic Standards Committee (SAOSC)

##### Proposal to Create Undergraduate Certificates

The Chair explained the proposal, and asked for debate. There were a few comments. The **motion** from the SAOSC was to approve the creation of undergraduate certificates, effective fall 2011. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 4. Three Proposed 2011 Honorary Degree Recipients

Jeannine Blackwell, chair of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees, offered a presentation on three honorary degree recipients. Jones **moved** that the elected faculty representatives of the Senate approve each nominee submitted by the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees and each associated degree type, and send the recommendations to President Todd in his role as the Chair of the Senate for submission to the Board of Trustees. Grossman **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 5. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules Pertaining to Honorary Degrees

The Chair explained the proposed changes to the Senate Rules, pertaining to honorary degrees. After brief discussion, D. Jones **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve the proposed changes regarding honorary degrees in specific sections of the *Senate Rules* (Sections 5.4.0; 5.4.2.3.2.c; 5.4.2.3.C.1; 5.4.2.3.C.3; 5.4.5; and 5.4.5.A), effective immediately. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There were a few comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with a majority in favor and two opposed.

#### 6. Two Additional Nominees from University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees

Jeannine Blackwell, chair of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees, offered a presentation on two additional honorary degree recipients. Jones **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve the two additional recipients as submitted by the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees and both associated degree types, and send the recommendations to President Todd in his role as the Chair of the Senate for submission to the Board of Trustees.

Grossman **seconded**. There was brief discussion. Grossman **offered a friendly amendment** that the two recipients receive their degrees on April 13. Jones **accepted**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken on the motion that the elected faculty senators approve the two additional recipients as proposed by the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees, for conferral on April 13 and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 7. Proposed Changes to Governing Regulations II

Peek explained the proposed changes. There were a variety of comments and questions. D. Jones **moved** that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations II* and Yanarella

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

8. Proposed New Senate Rule on Excused Absences for Religious Holidays

The Chair explained that Grossman, Kirk and Vice President for Institutional Diversity formed a small group to work on proposed language. After brief discussion, D. Anderson **moved** that the Senate approve the proposed new language on excused absences for religious holidays, and send it to the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee for codification, with an effective date of July 1, 2011.

Grossman **seconded**. Senators discussed the proposed new rule language. Wasilkowski suggested that the word, "holiday" in line eight be replaced with "observances." Edgerton suggested that all instances of "may" be replaced with "shall." There were no objections to those two suggestions. There was additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with a vast majority in favor via a voice vote.

9. Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Costs: Fact and Fiction – Associate Vice President for Research Jim Tracy

J. Tracy offered a presentation entitled, "Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Costs: Fact and Fiction." Senators asked a variety of questions.

Due to the time, the meeting was adjourned about 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Anderson,  
University Senate Chair

Absences: Adams; Arents; Bausch\*; Brennen; Campbell; Conigliaro; Conners; Denison; DeWall; Farrell; Feddock; Ferrier; Gonzalez\*; Hardin; Harris; Hayes; Jackson; Jensen; Kanga; Kelly; Kidwell; Kirk; Kirschling; Lester; Martin; Maynard\*; McCorvey; Mobley; Mock; Montgomery\*; Murphy; Newman; Peek; Perry; Ray; Richey; Rohr; Scutchfield; Smith, R; Speaks; Subbaswamy; Sudharshan; Thyne; Tick; Todd; Tracy, J; Tracy, T; Turner; Wells; Wilson; Wiseman; Witt; Wyatt; Young; Zhang

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.