

University Senate
May 9, 2011

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, May 9, 2011 in the Lexmark Public Room, 209 Main Building. 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 3:04 pm. The Chair offered a presentation to senators to facilitate the meeting.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair reported that the minutes from February 14, 2011, March 21, 2011 and April 11, 2011 were not ready. She shared a variety of announcements.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair's Report

The Chair said that the SC approved a resolution for President Todd:

We thank President Todd for service to the University over the past 10 years, and wish him the best in his new endeavors.

A **vote** was taken on the **resolution** from the Senate Council that Senate thank President Todd for his service to the University over the past 10 years, and wish him the best in his new endeavors. The motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair also reported on the SC resolution opposing the lending of funds to UK Athletics for a new scoreboard at Commonwealth Stadium, and asked that the Board of Trustees (Board) vote it down. Yanarella offered a few comments, noting that the petition drive that was started was evidently a success, since the agenda item had been changed to allow UK Athletics to use its own funds for the scoreboard.

b. Vice Chair Report

Vice Chair Debra Anderson gave a report to the Senate. Anderson announced the winner of the inaugural Outstanding Senator Award, and the Chair presented it to Davy Jones. Jones was given a round of applause.

c. Faculty Trustee Report

Faculty trustee Joe Peek gave a report to the Senate. He spoke about the new regulation on how to appear before the Board; the Athletics scoreboard issue and the agreement among Board members that future requests for expenditures should be accompanied by additional information about the financial pros and cons; and the survey results from the forums for the preferred presidential candidate, Eli Capilouto.

3. UK August 2011 Degree List (first)

The Chair reported that due to the diligence of elected faculty senators, a handful of students were removed and added to the list. D. Jones **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's (first) August 2011 degree list, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the

recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board. Grossman **seconded**. After a couple of comments, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Winter Intersession Calendar 2011-2012

The Chair reported that the **motion** came from the SC that the Senate approve the 2011-2012 Winter Intersession calendar as presented. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3.3.A ("Senate Council Chair")

The Chair explained to senators the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.3.A*. There was extensive discussion on the proposed changes, including the recommendation from the SC that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.A* ("Senate Council Chair"). It was determined that the change was substantial enough that the day's reading was the first of two – the Senate will hear a second reading of the proposed changes in September 2011.

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC): Chair, Dan Wermeling Proposed Deletion of Master of Arts in Distributive Education

Wermeling explained the proposal. Wermeling said that the **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the deletion of the Master of Arts in Distributive Education. There were no questions or comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Proposed New Masters of Music in Music Therapy

Wermeling explained the proposal. Wermeling said that the **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the proposed new Masters of Music in Music Therapy, effective fall 2011. There were no questions or comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Proposed New Minor in Chinese

Wermeling explained the proposal. Wermeling said that the **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the proposed new Minor in Chinese, effective fall 2011. There were a few comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Proposed New BA in Chinese Language and Literature

Wermeling explained the proposal. Wermeling said that the **motion** from the SAPC was to approve the proposed new BA in Chinese Language and Literature, effective fall 2011. There were a couple comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Admission and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC): Chair, Alison Davis Proposed Grading Change to College of Medicine 800- and 900-Level Courses

The Chair reported that Davis was absent, so the Chair explained the proposal, and reported that that the **motion** from the SAASC was to approve the proposed Grading Change to College of Medicine 800- and 900-Level Courses to allow numeric grading, effective fall 2011.

There were a few comments. Mrs. Brothers left briefly to retrieve the specific changes to the *Senate Rules* for senators to view.

c. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC): Chair, Dwight Denison Proposed New Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

Denison explained the proposal. He said that there were two motions from the SAOSC to the Senate. The first **motion** was that the Senate approve the proposed new Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, effective upon Board of Trustees approval, based upon its *academic* merits. There were a few comments from senators.

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

Denison explained that the second **motion** from the SAOSC was that the Senate approve the proposed new Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, effective upon Board of Trustees approval, based upon its *non-academic* merits. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Proposed Grading Change to College of Medicine 800- and 900-Level Courses

Senators reviewed the proposed changes to the *Senate Rules*. The Chair reminded senators that there was a **motion** on the floor from the SAASC to approve the proposed Grading Change to College of Medicine 800- and 900-Level Courses to allow numeric grading, effective fall 2011. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Gen Ed Naming

The Chair explained that senators were to vote on the name of the new Gen Ed. The choices were as follows: “Building Leaders through Undergraduate Education (BLUE)”; “CatsCore”; “The U.K. Core: 21st Century Studies”; and “UK Core.”

The Chair asked for a **show of hands** as to who wanted the name “Building Leaders through Undergraduate Education (BLUE)” – there were **no votes** for this name.

The Chair asked for a **show of hands** as to who wanted the name “CatsCore” – there were **two votes** for this name.

The Chair asked for a **show of hands** as to who wanted the name “The U.K. Core: 21st Century Studies” – there were **11 votes** for this name.

The Chair asked for a **show of hands** as to who wanted the name “UK Core” – the **vast majority** of senators voted for this name.

8. State of Academic Affairs – Provost Kumble Subbaswamy

Provost Kumble Subbaswamy gave a presentation on the State of Academic Affairs at UK. During and afterwards he answered a variety of questions from senators and listened to comments.

9. Comprehensive Tenure Review Process – Discussion Only

The Provost explained the proposed changes to the comprehensive tenure review process. There were no questions from senators.

10. Proposed New Administrative Regulation on International Travel (for endorsement)

The Chair stated that the motion from the SC was that the Senate endorse the proposed new *Administrative Regulation* on International Travel, effective July 1. Grossman **seconded**. Senators asked a few questions and offered a few comments.

The meeting was adjourned around 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Anderson,
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Adams; Anderson; Arents; Brennen; Campbell; Chappell; Conigliaro; Davis* ; Ederington; Ettensohn; Farrell; Feddock*; Feist-Price; Gorringer; Harris; Hayes; Hazard*; Heller*; Hippisley; Jackson; Jensen; Jepsen; Jones, D; Kanga; Karan*; Kidwell; Kirk; Kirschling; Lester; Martin; McCormick, J; McCorvey; Mobley; Mock; Montgomery*; Morris*; Mountford; Mullen; Murphy; Newman; Peek; Perry; Prats; Randall; Ray; Richey; Roorda; Rostosky; Shannon; Smith, R; Smith, MJ; Speaks; Subbaswamy; Sudharshan; Sutphen*; Swanson, E; Tick; Todd; Tracy, J; Tracy, T*; Turner; Wells; Wilson; Wiseman; Witt; Wyatt; Yanarella; Yost*; Young; Zhang

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

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.