

University Senate
November 12, 2012

The University met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, November 12, 2012 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 3:03 pm. The Chair reminded senators to:

- Sign in upon arrival;
- Give name and affiliation when speaking;
- Communicate with constituency;
- Attend meetings;
- Respond to emails and web postings as appropriate;
- Acknowledge and respect others; and
- Silence all electronic devices.

The Chair explained that she would entertain a motion to waive *Senate Rule 1.2.3* to allow the Senate to consider the agenda, etc. because agenda was not sent out six days in advance, due to the Election Day holiday. D. Anderson **moved** that the Senate waive *SR 1.2.3* to allow consideration of the agenda, etc. for November 12, 2012. Debski **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

1. Minutes from October 8 and October 22, 2012 and Announcements

The Chair reported that no changes were received for the minutes from October 8, 2012. There were **no objections** so the minutes from October 8, 2012 **were approved as distributed by unanimous consent**.

The Chair then reported that no changes were received for the minutes from the special meeting on October 22, 2012. There were **no objections** so the minutes from special meeting on October 8, 2012 **were approved as distributed by unanimous consent**.

The Chair offered a few announcements.

- The Student Government Association (SGA), Office of the Senate Council (OSC) and Information Technology are working together on the creation of a syllabus repository. It will likely be patterned after the repository used by the College of Education. The OSC is working to ensure the site is faculty- and student-friendly.
- Those three groups are also working on a syllabus generator as an option for faculty. Any faculty member is welcome to participate in focus groups regarding the syllabus generator and the syllabus repository. Participation should not take more than three to four hours total, throughout the semester. Interested faculty can contact Sheila Brothers if interested.
- Updated version of the *University Senate Rules* will be posted later this week – look for an email announcement.

- The OSC is soliciting input on a possible redesign for some or all aspects of the Senate's web site. Considerations include ensuring the site is faculty-friendly and what will facilitate easy information gathering. For example, one SC member suggested having a section dedicated to facilitating communication between senators and colleges. Senators were asked to contact Sheila Brothers with suggestions.
- The Health Care Colleges Council will be chaired by the College of Dentistry's Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs Cindy Beeman. The term for that position is through spring 2015. The next chair will be from Health Sciences.
- The annual Stakes reception will take place on December 11, on the 18th floor of Patterson Office Tower, in mid-afternoon. Additional details will follow via email. The Stakes event is an opportunity to mingle informally with faculty and staff senators as well as with members of the Board of Trustees.
- Elected faculty senators were reminded that the process of electing three new members to the SC will begin soon; an email will be sent out about this later in November.

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair (5 minutes)

The Chair said that President Capilouto and Interim Provost Tim Tracy offered the opportunity to add three additional faculty to the Provost's Council on Metrics. As determined by the SC, those three are Nancy Johnson (BE), John Strang (AG, Extension) and Melynda Price (Law). There was an additional opportunity to add three more faculty to the Financial Model Steering Committee. Again, as determined by the SC, those three are David Pienkowski (EN), Jeff Suchanek (LI) and Connie Wood (AS).

b. Vice Chair (5 minutes)

Vice Chair Grossman said that he had nothing to report.

c. Trustee (5 minutes)

Faculty trustee John Wilson said there was no meeting of the Board of Trustees (Board) in November; the next meeting will be December 11. Immediately following the Board meeting in December is an opportunity for informal chats between faculty and staff and trustees. Wilson thanked the University community for effectively communicating the depth and breadth of faculty concerns on the budget cuts. He urged senators to continue informing senior administrators of faculty concerns as the budget process continues.

3. Committee Reports

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

i. Proposed New Bachelor of Arts in Environmental and Sustainability Studies

Hippisley said that the motion from the SAPC was that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new Bachelor of Arts in Environmental and Sustainability Studies, within the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. Hippisley described the proposal to senators. There were a few questions from senators. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair suggested that the Senate move to agenda item number four, and return to the next agenda item when Farrell arrived. There were no objections.

5. Proposed Changes to Governing Regulations II (Athletics Committee)

The Chair explained that the proposed changes will increase the threshold amount for Athletics-related capital projects from \$400,000 to \$600,000. The change will make the threshold consistent with other *Governing Regulations* and Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS). The **motion** from the SC was that the Senate make a positive recommendation for endorsement of the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations VIII* ("University Appointments"). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was very brief discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

4. Proposed Changes to Governing Regulations VIII ("University Appointments")

The Chair explained that there were two revisions to *Governing Regulation VII (GR VIII)*. The first permits the President to delegate to the Provost to take final action on a wide range of personnel matters. The President's input is reserved for adjudication in instances of appeals. The President can sustain or reverse the Provost's decision. This will also make *GR VI* consistent with *Administrative Regulation 2:1*, which was discussed and endorsed by the Senate in 2011. That *Administrative Regulation* discussion triggered the need to update *GR VIII*. The second part of the revision modifies the language on initial faculty appointment for salaries that have to be reported to the Board of Trustees (Board). The current threshold has a dollar figure and the proposed threshold will be determined by a formula. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SC was to recommend the Senate make a positive recommendation for endorsement of the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations VIII* ("University Appointments"). Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required.

The Chair solicited comments from senators. After a question about the formula, Richard Greissman, the Provost's liaison to the SC, explained that the idea was to avoid putting a specific dollar threshold into the *Governing Regulations*, since there is so much heterogeneity across the University. There was additional discussion. Regarding the threshold, it was clarified that the Senate was being asked to recommend a change from a threshold based on fixed value to a threshold based on a to-be-determined-in-the-future formula.

When there was no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the **motion** passed with none opposed.

6. Proposed Changes to Governing Regulations II (Committee Structure)

The Chair stated that this particular agenda item was pulled from the Senate agenda because additional revisions were possible. It will be on a Senate agenda the near future.

7. Informational Presentation on April 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research and Motions (5 - 10 minutes)

Guest Diane Snow, director of undergraduate research, offered a presentation to senators on the April 2014 Conference on Undergraduate Research that will take place on campus. Snow answered questions from senators.

The Chair explained that there were a couple of recommendations from SC. The first **motion** from the SC recommended the Senate endorse the request from UK's National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) programming committee to ask faculty to redirect undergraduate classes on April 3 -5, 2014 and encourage students to participate in NCUR. Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. There was additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

Turning to the second recommendation, the Chair said the second **motion** from the SC recommended the Senate authorize the Registrar to make scheduling arrangements as necessary for NCUR to proceed and if someone's room is used for NCUR, the Registrar will identify another room for the class if possible. Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. During discussion, senators learned that the motion, if passed, will affect any level course, not just undergraduate courses.

D. Anderson **moved to amend the motion** to remove the phrase "if possible" from the end of the sentence. Butler **seconded**. After additional discussion, A **vote** was taken on the amendment and the motion **passed** with 38 in favor and 16 opposed.

There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the Senate authorize the Registrar to make scheduling arrangements as necessary for NCUR to proceed and if someone's room is used for NCUR, the Registrar will identify another room for the class. The motion **passed** with two opposed and four abstaining.

8. Interim Provost Tim Tracy

Interim Provost Tim Tracy offered a presentation on the budget and the values-based budget model. He answered questions during his presentation – below are highlights.

- The Libraries are considered academic overhead.
- The decision to move salaries of former administrators to their home academic unit (as opposed to having the salaries funded from the Provost's office) was made by Interim Provost Tracy's predecessor in the Provost's office.
- Units that charge for their services and administrative activities will be encouraged to be efficient through feedback mechanisms that are not yet developed.
- There will be metrics that specifically value and encourage diversity and inclusivity.
- The values-based budget model should not be implemented at departmental levels until colleges have a good understanding of how the model will work.
- Strong leadership and transparency are important components of a successful values-based budget model.
- UK should not trade increases in out-of-state enrollment and subsequent increased tuition monies for a commitment to educating and improving the lives of Kentuckians.
- Funding to support graduate students may not be easily visible since that support may have manifested itself through support for academic support services, such as student counseling, as well as through the decreased budget cut for units.

Due to the time, the Chair moved to the next agenda item.

3. Committee Reports

b. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Herman Farrell, Chair

i. Proposed Name Change of the College of Agriculture

Farrell, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), said that the **motion** from the SAASC was to recommend the Senate endorse the proposed name change of the College of Agriculture to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. Farrell described the proposal to senators. College of Agriculture Dean M. Scott Smith also answered some questions. There were a few questions from senators. It was clarified that the proposed new name did indeed contain only one comma. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with three opposed and five abstaining.

The Chair said that because it was very close to 5 pm, the Senate should postpone discussion on agenda item number nine. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Grossman,
University Senate Secretary

Invited guests present: David Atwood, Richard Greissman and Diane Snow.

Absences: Adams, I.; Allison; Anderson, H.; Anderson, K.; Anstead; Arthur*, Badger*; Ballard; Bayliff; Bilas; Birdwhistell; Blackwell, D.; Bland; Brennen; Bruzina; Capilouto; Childs; Conners*; Coyne; Davis; de Beer; Deep; DeSantis; Dietz*; Eckman; Feist-Price; Fox; Geddes; Harrison*; Hong-McAtee; Huffmyer; Jackson; Kaplan; Kilgore*; Kirschling; Latham; Leahy; Martin; McNamara; Michelman; Mock; Murthy; O'Connor; O'Hair, D.; O'Hair, M*; Osborn; Richey; Rieske-Kinney*; Speaks*; Stanley*; Swanson; Thyne; Tick; Tracy, J.; Tracy, T.; Truszczynski; Turner*; Voro; Walz; Watt*; Webster*; Wells; Wiseman; Withers; Witt.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, December 3, 2012.

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.