

University Senate
October 13, 2014

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 13, 2014 in the Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is the record of what transpired. All votes were taken via electronic voting devices unless indicated otherwise; specific voting information can be requested from the Office of the Senate Council.

Senate Council Vice Chair Alice Christ called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:01 pm. She informed senators that the Senate Council Chair (Andrew Hippisley) was absent due to his attendance at an out-of-state leadership conference. The Vice Chair reminded senators to turn off the audio on mobile devices and state their names and affiliations after being recognized.

The Vice Chair called for an attendance vote and 84 senators registered their presence.

1. Minutes from September 8, 2014 and Announcements

There were a few corrections to the absences list in the minutes for the Senate meeting on September 8, 2014. The Vice Chair commented that attendance for the day's October meeting appeared larger than the previous month; she thanked senators for attending. There being **no objections**, the minutes from September 8, 2014 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

There were a number of announcements.

- The Chair was absent as he was at the University of Missouri for the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Academic Leadership Development Program.
- Senate committees have now been composed and each committee has a chair. The Vice Chair asked that senators be as accommodating as possible for meeting times, i.e. only teaching, standing committee, and teaching commitments (formal job activities) as the only reasons for unavailability. She encouraged committees to meet regularly, noting that senators should probably be available for committee meetings on Mondays at 3 pm, except for the Mondays when the Senate meets. She listed the Senate committee chairs and asked them to stand as their names were called.
 - Academic Advising, Phil Kraemer
 - Academic Facilities, Alice Christ
 - Academic Organization and Structure, Ernie Bailey
 - Academic Planning and Priorities, Wally Ferrier
 - Academic Programs, Margaret Schroeder
 - Admissions and Academic Standards, Greg Graf
 - Admissions Advisory, Katherine McCormick
 - Disability Accommodation and Compliance, Terry Malone
 - Distance Learning and e-Learning, Sharon Lock
 - Institutional Finances and Resource Allocation, Jeremy Crampton, George Scott (staff co-chair)
 - Library, Andrew Doolen
 - Research and Graduate Education, Bruce Webb
 - Retroactive Withdrawals, Tom Nieman
 - Rules and Elections, Connie Wood
 - Advisory Cmte on Privilege and Tenure, Mary Kay Rayens
- The Chair met with student senators and a couple Senate Council (SC) members Wednesday evening and discussed Senate committee assignments and the importance of the student voice, particularly in shared governance and advising on academic policies that affect them. The Vice Chair said students would be added to Senate committees within the next week or so. She read

the names of the Student Government Association senators serving in the Senate. The students were given a round of applause.

- Chelsea Folmar (AG)
- Ashley Zepeda (AS)
- Christian Oberst (BE; also SC member)
- Rebecca Stratton (CI)
- Anne Prather (DS)
- Rosanna Osorio (ED; also SC member)
- Hannah Botts (EN)
- Charlie McManus (FA)
- Samantha Dunn (HS)
- Nolan Jackson (LA)
- Patrick Grace (ME)
- Seth Profitt (PH)
- Isaac Hallam (PbH)

2. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The issue of the Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC) chair was resolved. Sharon Stewart, interim dean of the College of Health Sciences, will serve as the HCCC chair *pro tem*. Dean Stewart will be replaced by Pam Stein, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the College of Dentistry in a few months.

The SC formed a subcommittee (Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Disciplinary Action, or CFDA) in response to President Eli Capilouto's charge to develop a faculty discipline policy. The charge to CFDA (as outlined in the memorandum from the President) is posted with the SC agenda for September 29. Below is the membership.

- Dave Watt, chair (ME/Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry)
- Liz Debski (AS/Biology)
- David Pienkowski (EN/Biomedical Engineering)
- John Wilson (ME/Behavioral Science)
- Connie Wood (AS/Statistics, chair of Rules & Elections)
- Marcy Deaton (associate general counsel)

Tagavi asked if there was a plan regarding where and how CFDA's report will be disseminated. Christ explained that CFDA was reporting weekly to the SC. She said she was not sure how their report will be handled. Watt, who chairs CFDA, said it was his expectation that the report will come to the Senate.

The SC offered nominees for the President's ad hoc Committee on Faculty Performance Evaluation and Probationary Period Delays. Below is the membership: names marked with an asterisk are SC nominees.

- Charles Carlson, chair (AS/Psychology)
- *Sandra Bastin (AG/Dietetics and Human Nutrition)
- *Thomas Curry (ME/Obstetrics and Gynecology)
- *Anne Harrison (HS/Rehabilitation Science)
- Pat Howard (NU)
- Shari Veil (CI/Communication)
- Sonja Feist-Price (interim asst provost for faculty affairs, ED/Early Childhood, Special Ed, & Rehab Cnslg)

Revised forms for undergraduate certificates and undergraduate degree programs are now available. The SC approved their use and the forms are now posted at <http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/forms.htm>. Various constituencies will be alerted to this in the next week or so.

b. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair said she had nothing in particular to report, although she noted that the Senate's parliamentarian was no longer serving in that role.

c. Parliamentarian

[No report.]

d. Trustee

Wilson said there was nothing in particular to report to senators and solicited questions. Brion asked for the Board of Trustees' view on the President's request to review faculty disciplinary policy. Wilson reported that the Board typically becomes concerned when difficult cases reach the President and Provost and prove problematic for the University. Wilson said he did not think the Board had particular opinion about individual cases, but was more interested in faculty and administrator behaviors that become major problems and how they could have persisted for such a long period of time. Grossman added that the current penalties were essentially a "good talking to" or terminating tenure; the President wanted faculty to develop some intermediate sanctions.

Wilson added that the Board would hold its annual retreat later in the week, which will have a heavy focus on research. He solicited suggestions and comments from senators and their faculty colleagues related to research. Mazur asked Wilson to clarify his comment about "faculty and administrator behavior" – she wondered if there will an opportunity to look at administrator conduct. Wilson replied that it may not extend to administrators. The Vice Chair commented that the SC did discuss including possible actions for administrators in the report. Wilson said the charge was sufficiently broad that it could include faculty administrators.

Prats asked if the Board intended to express any formal concern regarding the recent anti-Semitic comments from an individual invited to speak to high school students. Wilson said that occurred after the most recent Board meeting. Grossman opined that Board members likely viewed the issue as having been resolved satisfactorily.

2. Solicitation for Honorary Degree Nominations – Susan Carvalho, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

Interim Dean of the Graduate School Susan Carvalho, who also chairs the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD), encouraged senators to participate not only through approving honorary degree nominees, but also through nominating potential awardees. She encouraged senators to put forward names of those individuals that faculty would be proud to have on stage at a commencement ceremony and to hold up as models for students. Dean Carvalho opined that the reason for small numbers of nominees in years past have been due to the amount of work involved in a faculty member nominating someone for an honorary degree.

To address that issue, a new aspect has been included in the honorary degree nomination process. If a faculty member would like to nominate someone for an honorary degree but does not have the time to put together a full dossier, the faculty member could offer a suggestion (just the name of the nominee and a brief rationale) by Wednesday, October 15, and the UJCHD will then compile the dossier. Full dossier nominations are due by November 1. Dean Carvalho then mentioned some of the other requirements for being awarded an honorary degree. There were no comments from senators.

3. Proposed Change to Diplomas Awarded in Calendar Year 2015 (Sesquicentennial Celebration)

Guest Paula Pope (Associate Executive Director of Development), who chairs the University's Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee, presented the proposed sesquicentennial format for diplomas awarded during the 2015 calendar year. She explained that the two changes were the addition of a reference to the sesquicentennial year in the date and the addition of the sesquicentennial logo, which will be placed opposite the traditional UK logo.

The **motion** from the SC was that the Senate approve the proposed sesquicentennial format for diplomas that will be awarded during the 2015 calendar year. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 87 senators in favor and four senators opposed.

4. Committee Reports

a. 2013-14 Report from Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) - Tom Nieman, Chair

Guest Tom Nieman, chair of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC), gave a report to senators on SRWAC activities for the 2013-14 year. There were no questions from senators.

b. Spring 2014 and Summer 2014 Report from Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT) - Stephen Testa, Past Chair

Testa was not in attendance; the Vice Chair suggested senators review the report posted online with the day's agenda. [Testa was unable to attend the October meeting so he had previously accepted an invitation to attend the Senate meeting in November. A clerical oversight led to him being erroneously added to the October agenda.]

5. Ombud's Report for 2013-2014 - Past Ombud Sonja Feist-Price

Guest Sonja Feist-Price, past ombud, gave senators a report on the activities of the Ombud during the 2013-14 academic year. During her presentation, Feist-Price introduced to senators the new and current Ombud, Michael Healy, who is a faculty member in the College of Law. Grossman asked about outcomes in the cases for which the severity of the punishment was appealed. Feist-Price said that those cases were decided by the University Appeals Board (UAB) so the question should rather be posed to the chair of the UAB. Anderson asked if the Ombud office ever received requests from faculty regarding a faculty member's concern about themselves. Feist-Price responded that the office did receive those calls periodically and they were referred to the Office of Faculty Advancement and Institutional Effectiveness.

6. Update on "Presentation U" - Deanna Sellnow (five minutes)

Guest Deanna Sellnow, assistant provost for transformative learning and director of Presentation U!, offered senators an update on Presentation U! There were no questions from senators.

7. Other Business

Christ reminded senators that "Other Business" was an opportunity to mention or prepare for future items, not to take action. Ferrier asked how voting records were being kept. Christ replied that that question was sent to the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) for input and the response would likely come back to the Senate soon.

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Christ,
University Senate Secretary

Invited guests present: Sonja Feist-Price, Tom Nieman, Paula Pope and Deanna Sellnow.

Absences: Adams, I., Adams, M., Bailey, P., Bayliff*, Bird-Pollan*, Birdwhistell, Blackwell, Brennan, Campbell, Capilouto, Cassis, Christianson*, Clark, Cox, de Beer, Doolen*, Fox, Hazard*, Hippisley*, Ingram, Jackson, J., Knutson*, Kornbluh, Lauersdorf*, Martin, A., Mock*, Nash, O'Hair, MJ*, Rey-Barreau, Richey*, Royse, Royster*, Sanderson, Steiner*, Stratton*, Tick, Tracy, Turner*, Vasconez, Vosevich, Walz, Williams, and Witt.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

* Denotes an explained absence.