

University Senate
October 13, 2008

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, October 13, 2008 in the Auditorium of the W. T. Young Library. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via voice vote unless indicated otherwise.

Chair David Randall called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:02 pm. He noted that the handouts were missing every other page – he apologized to senators and said the full proposals would be shown on the overhead screen. The Chair reminded senators to state their name and college prior to speaking, and to communicate the proceedings of the day's meeting with their constituency.

1. Minutes from September 8 and Announcements

The Chair noted that there had been a few editorial changes to the minutes and requested motion for approval. Hayes **moved** to approve the Senate minutes from September 8 as amended. Chappell **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent.

Turning to announcements, the Chair reminded senators of the UK Stakes Reception on Tuesday, the day following the meeting. Among other things, the reception would be an opportunity to build better relationships with members of the Board of Trustees. He added that senators were all welcome to attend, RSVP or not.

After the Senate discussed and approved the Health Care Colleges Student Professional Behavior Code (Code) in September, Legal Counsel determined that the Code did not actually fall under the purview of the Senate. Academic problems are carefully and specifically defined in the *Senate Rules (SR)* and Legal Counsel determined that the issues addressed by the Code did not fall in that range of problems. However, the language pertaining to revising the Code was modified to ensure that the Senate will be consulted on revisions.

The plagiarism detection software, Turnitin, is set to be launched for a trial period in spring 2009. There will be training, etc. available to faculty during the current semester. The Chair added that Turnitin is scheduled to be fully implemented in fall 2009.

Regarding the Academic Approvals Work Group, the Chair explained that the Senate Council (SC) had formulated a charge that the group identify ways to facilitate and create efficiency in the academic approvals process.

A proposal to create a reading period at the end of the semester had been submitted to the SC – there was a small group of individuals looking at it for feasibility. It would require a change to the university's calendar and the small group was charged with

determining if the proposal should receive more extensive review. The group is scheduled to report back to the SC on October 20.

There were a few waivers to report to the Senate, including: a waiver of *SR 5.2.4.8.1* to allow common-hour exam for MA 110; a waiver of *SR 5.1.8.5.A.2* (“two-year rule” for RWA) for student PJ; and a motion by the SC on October 6 to allow the College of Agriculture to submit their Senate election results by November 1. The Chair then turned to the next agenda item.

2. UK Internationalization Task Force (ITF)

ITF co-chair Beth Barnes [Communications and Information Studies/Journalism and Telecommunication] came to the podium; her colleagues John Yopp (ITF co-chair and Associate Provost for Educational Partnerships) and Assistant Provost for Internationalization Susan Carvalho [Arts and Sciences/Hispanic Studies] were in the audience. Guest Barnes delivered a presentation to senators on efforts to increase UK’s effective engagement in the international educational and research marketplaces.

In response to a question from Chappell, Guest Carvalho explained that the 50% increase in international undergraduate students in fall 2008 over fall 2007 translated to just over 200 students; prior figures were at about 150 students. She acknowledged that it was an increase from tiny to less tiny, but noted that the number of applications doubled, which was an important start. Carvalho added that considerations like “UK” being known by much of the world as referring to the United Kingdom were things that were being addressed in published materials. In addition, the international student application was made available online; the domestic application had been available online for some time.

Chappell asked for more information on the American Council of Education (ACE) Internationalization Lab (ACE Lab). Barnes replied that the organization accepted a few universities, by invitation and application, to a program that gave the universities access to ACE personnel who help improve international relations. Guest Yopp added that the ACE Lab was a long-term component of ACE; over the past eight years, data had been compiled in an internationalization handbook that integrated internationalizing elements of a university. It included assistance with a strategic plan, etc. for internationalization and the climate on campus, among other elements.

In response to a follow-up question from Chappell, Yopp explained that while there were some organizations that showed rankings of universities pertaining to their international elements, the ACE Lab would aid by offering feedback. Carvalho explained that an ACE Lab team makes visits to a campus and to its president and provost, in part to ensure appropriate buy-in with international planning and also to ensure that the results of the participation and interaction would formally become part of UK’s strategic plan.

There were no further questions. After showing senators the ITF website and address, Barnes, Yopp and Carvalho departed. The Chair thanked them.

2. Ombud Report 2007 – 2008 Academic Year

The Chair invited Ombud Kaveh Tagavi [Engineering/Mechanical Engineering] to the podium. Tagavi made a few brief comments about the report and asked for questions.

Suarez asked Tagavi to comment on the high number of complaints to the Ombud that originated in the College of Arts and Sciences (A&S). Tagavi explained that there were a couple of factors involved; he speculated that A&S included numbers relating to undecided students and students that would later change their major and move to another college. In addition, A&S provided a large number of University Studies Program courses, taken by large volumes of students. Tagavi also noted that there was no information on the nature of the complaints included in the total number.

There being no further questions, Tagavi spoke about an ombud's issue he had encountered at least three times since August. In each instance, a professor caught a student in an instance of plagiarism/cheating and gave the student an E on the assignment. Shortly after the semester's end, the student complained to the Ombud and when the Ombud follows up with the professor, it has usually been the case that procedure has not been correctly followed.

Tagavi asked senators to mention this issue to colleagues as conversations occur in meetings, hallways, etc. He explained that a professor is allowed to ask questions and investigate the matter without charging the student. Once a professor is confident that an allegation is true, the situation must be discussed with the department chair. The department chair will invite the student and professor for a meeting and within 48 hours or so, the department chair will write the student with a formal determination and recommended penalty. Tagavi explained that it was painful and traumatic for the both the institution and the student to have to review the situation many months after the incident occurred. He said in such cases he is obliged to ask the professor and department chair to follow the required steps. He requested this information also be shared at college faculty meetings, as senators are liaisons to a college's faculty.

D. Anderson asked about what happened when such a complaint was brought by a student. Tagavi responded that the appropriate investigation, etc. would still be conducted, but it was embarrassing to acknowledge not having followed UK's own procedure. There being no further questions, the Chair thanked Tagavi for the Ombud's report.

4. September 2008 KCTCS List of Candidates for Credentials

Jones **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve the September 2008 BCTC list of candidates for credentials, for submission through the President to the Board of

Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board. Aken **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion passed without dissent.

5. Informational Presentation – University Press of Kentucky Director Steve Wrinn

The Chair stated that beginning with the University Press of Kentucky (UPK), it was his intent to introduce senators to UK centers and services that may exist outside their usual range of daily activities, in the hope that senators can then share such information with their constituents. The Chair introduced University Press of Kentucky Director Steve Wrinn and invited Guest Wrinn to share information with senators.

After speaking, Wrinn answered a few questions from senators. In response to Tagavi, Wrinn explained that it was a hiring committee, made up of representatives from institutions around the state, that chose a director. Tagavi asked about the hiring committee and Wrinn thought that President Todd chose those individuals. Wrinn added that the schools in the consortium did not offer financial support for the UPK. The editorial board of the UPK was made up members chosen by the respective institutions.

There being no further questions, the Chair thanked Wrinn and Wrinn departed.

6. Proposed Rule Change: Senate Rules 1.3.1.2.A.3 (Senate Council Elections)

The Chair explained that the proposed revisions moved from a complicated, multi-step process to a one-step process. He asked the chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) to speak on behalf of the proposal. Michael added that senators will still vote for three senators to serve on the SC. He said he checked the proposed simplified method against the last few SC elections and the same results were obtained.

Hayes **moved** that the University Senate approve the changes to *SR 1.3.1.2.A.3* with an immediate effective date. Tagavi **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent.

7. Proposed Rule Change: Senate Rules 1.5.2 ("Election: Two Voting University System Faculty Members, Board of Trustees")

Michael explained that the only change was to allow a picture and biographical sketch (bio) during the first round of an election for a faculty trustee; currently the picture and bio were only allowed in the second round.

Williams **moved** that the University Senate approve the changes to *SR 1.5.2.B* and *1.5.2.C* with an immediate effective date. Chappell **seconded**.

H. Anderson wondered why the photo was needed, in addition to the bio – she expressed concern that it could be partially discriminatory. Michael replied that during every faculty trustee elections he has been a part of, he received numerous complaints that there was no bio or picture for candidates in the first round. He noted that the language merely allowed a picture and bio – it would not be mandatory. Wermeling

noted that elections in the College of Pharmacy routinely included bios; H. Anderson replied that she questioned that practice, as well. Wermeling opined that being able to recognize a face was helpful.

R. Smith said that in his experience, he found himself voting for individuals about whom he did not know much about – he said it was possible that people were making voting decisions based on things that others were unaware of. He noted that in the field of psychology, it was understood that people made decisions based upon how people look, and providing pictures could have a strong, unintentional effect.

H. Anderson noted that the language included the phrase “may contain” – the Chair replied that it meant it was not mandatory. Nadel said that the picture and bio being optional was even more discriminatory.

The Chair announced that he would ask for a show of hands for the vote. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken on the motion, which **failed** with 20 in favor and 30 against. The Chair said that the revisions would return to the SREC.

8. Proposed Rule Change: Senate Rules 1.4.3.2 ("Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC)")

The Chair explained that there were two individuals who were had been asked to attend meetings of the Senate's Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC) to offer insight on students and/or background information. The requested change would merely codify the membership of the two individuals (a representative of the Counseling and Testing Center and a representative from the Advising Network) who were regularly attending SRWAC meetings.

Zentall **moved** that *Senate Rules 1.4.3.2* should be changed to include one nonvoting ex officio member from the Counseling and Testing Center and one nonvoting ex officio member from the Advising Network, effective immediately. Tagavi **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent.

9. United Way - College of Engineering Dean Thomas Lester

The Chair invited College of Engineering Dean and Chair of the UK United Way Campaign Tom Lester to share information about United Way. Dean Lester gave a brief presentation. The Chair thanked him.

There was no additional business to attend to. The Chair announced that he would not be present for the November meeting, but that there would be someone to chair the meeting in his place. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Aken,
University Senate Secretary

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, November 3, 2008 .

Absences: Adams *;; Arnold; Arrington; Atwood; Bernard; Blades; Bollinger*; Brown, J.; Brown, S.; Bush; Crofford; Desormeaux; Enlow; Ettensohn; Fox*; Gonzalez*; Graham; Griffith*; Hardesty*; Harling*; Hazard; Heller; Hoffman; Hughes*; Jackson, V.; Jackson, J.; Johnson*; Jung; Kelly; Kirschling; Leibfreid; Lester; Lorch; Luhan; Marano; Martin; McCormick*; McCorvey; Mehra*; Mendiondo*; Miller; Mobley; Moise; Moliterno*; Montell; Nardolillo; Nieman; Parrot; Patwardhan; Pauly; Perman; Piascik; Rauf; Ray; Richard; Rieske-Kinney*; Roberts*; Rohr; Sandidge*; Santhanam*; Sawaya; Seales; Segerstrom; Sellnow; Shay; Smith, M.S.; Smith, W.*; Sottile; Speaks*; Starr-LeBeau*; Subbaswamy; Sudharshan; Telling*; Terrell; Thompson; Todd; Tracy; Troske; Turner; Viele; Webb; Williams, G.; Wiseman; Witt, M.; Witt, D.; Wood*; Woods; Wyatt; Yanarella.

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting