

University Senate
September 9, 2013

The University Senate met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, September 9, 2013 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 3:02 pm. She welcomed those present to the first Senate meeting of the 2013-14 academic year. She asked for a motion to waive *Senate Rules 1.2.3* to allow consideration of the agenda, because the agenda was not sent out six days in advance. Grossman **moved** thusly and Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no discussion, **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Senate Council Chair Blonder introduced President Capilouto, chair of the University Senate (Senate).

1. State of the University Address - President Eli Capilouto, University Senate Chair

President Eli Capilouto offered senators the annual "State of the University" address. He began with some general comments and comments about the progress made during the past year. He addressed a variety of issues, including those listed below.

- The faculty's participation in the evaluation of President Capilouto; he takes such feedback seriously.
- Enrollment data for the freshmen fall 2013 class which was UK's largest, best prepared, and most diverse freshman class in history.
- Graduation rates of student athletes surpassed the graduation rates for the campus as a whole. Student athletes' majors are distributed in courses and programs similar to that of the general student population.
- The importance of graduate education and how strong faculty draw the best and brightest graduate students.
- Update on residence hall construction, the renovations to the Gatton College of Business and Economics Building and Commonwealth Stadium, and other capital projects.
- Sequestration and federal research funding.
- The recent National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation of the Markey Cancer Center.
- The values-based financial model and its three guiding principles: transparency of information and resources going to colleges; trust in one another to make strategic decisions; and accountability.

There was one question; Hippisley asked President Capilouto to talk about solutions for the recent decrease in the six-year graduation rate, to 57.6%. The President referred the question to Provost

Christine Riordan and to Senior Vice Provost for Student Success Dan O'Hair (also Dean, College of Communication and Information). Provost Riordan thanked Hippisley for asking the question and said her office will be delving into the details and getting granular to learn more about why UK loses students prior to graduation. Dean O'Hair said that the transition from freshman to sophomore is being studied more closely to provide possible solutions for losing students as they move from sophomore to junior and from junior to senior. He added that a six-part model has been put together to look at a variety of variables, from pre-admission issues to engagement and class sizes. Hobsons Retain (student retention tool offered by Hobsons) was suddenly unavailable this past academic year, but will be available for all faculty in 2013-14 to assist faculty with contacting students who may be at risk for a poor grade or at risk of dropping out.

There being no additional questions, the Chair thanked President Capilouto for attending and he departed.

2. Minutes from May 6, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair stated that there had been no corrections received for the May 6, 2013 Senate meeting. There being no objection, the minutes were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair introduced members of the Senate Council (SC). Voting members are the Chair (Blonder), Dave Watt, Andrew Hippisley, Connie Wood, Greg Wasilkowski, Alice Christ, Debra Anderson, David Pienkowski, Jenna Day, Roshan Palli, Scout McCamy, Gail Brion, and Liz Debski. Irina Voro (faculty trustee) and John F. Wilson (faculty trustee) are ex officio non-voting members of the SC.

The staff employees in the Office of the Senate Council are Sheila Brothers (administrative coordinator and staff trustee) and Janie Ellis (staff assistant).

Laura Anschel, from the Office of Academic Ombud, serves as the Senate's sergeant at arms. J.S. Butler (GS/Martin School of Public Policy and Administration) is the parliamentarian.

The Academic Ombud is Sonja Feist-Price (ED/Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling). Richard Greissman serves as the Provost's Liaison to the Senate Council. Sean Cooper is associate registrar and Jeff Spradling is the chair of the Staff Senate (Robinson Scholars Program director).

The Chair said that there were many new faculty senators, some of whom have served in the Senate previously: AG - Arthur, Brown, Lee, McCulley, Webb; AS – Doolen, Firey, Harling, Ilahiane, Murthy, Odom, Shen, Wilhelm; BE – Ferrier, Hulse; ED – Lewis, McCormick, Nash; CI – Hertog, O'Connor; EN – Hilt, Sekulic, Yost; FA – Baker; ME – Blonder, Schoenberg, Smyth, Vasconez; NU – Scott. The Dental elections are not yet complete. There were eight new student senators: Alex Bugg – AG; Jenna Day – AS; Stephanie Bellot – CI; Scout McCamy – EN; Ryan Galloway – LA; Scott Tracy – ME; Zach Evans – HS; Peter Van Wie – PbH; Roshan Palli – SGA President. The Chair asked new faculty and student senators to stand and be recognized with a round of applause.

The Chair offered a variety of announcements to senators.

- SC approved changes to the PharmD admissions policies, on behalf of Senate. Pharmacy faculty approved the changes awhile ago, but they had not been presented to the Senate for approval.

- SC passed a motion to change the name of SC's Ad Hoc Committee on Best Practices for Distance Learning to "Distance Learning and e-Learning" and make it a standing committee of the Senate.
- There were a number of additions to degree lists over the summer. The Chair approved the following:
 - One student posthumously added to May 2013; the student had completed over 120 credit hours.
 - Two students added to December 2013 degree list.
 - One student added to May 2013 degree list.
 - One student added to June graduation (Medicine).
- Continuing with degree lists, the SC approved two students for addition to the May 2013 degree list.
- The Annual Stakes Reception will be Tuesday, December 17, 2013. Staff and faculty from both Senates are invited, along with Board of Trustees members. It will take place on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower in mid-afternoon.
- Ms. Brothers is again taking a 5 pm class this semester, so she will leave Senate meetings shortly before 5. A member of the SC will take notes after Ms. Brothers leaves.

3. Officer and Other Reports

a. Chair

The Chair brought senators up to date regarding the SC's faculty evaluation of President Capilouto. The Chair presented the results of the survey to the Board of Trustees' Executive Committee at request of Board of Trustees Chair E. Britt Brockman. The Board will consider the results of the SC's faculty survey in the evaluation of the President. The results are posted on the Senate's website.

The Chair said she wanted to explain the voting membership of the Senate, which is a mixed constituency body. The voting membership comprises about 75% elected faculty, 15% elected students, and 10% ex-officio administrators. There are 94 elected faculty senators representing 18 colleges, one emeritus professor, two faculty trustees, up to 18 elected student members (including student trustee/SGA president) and 11 or 12 ex officio administrators, which varies by year.

In 2013-14, ex officio voting members include the Provost, student member of the Board of Trustees, two faculty trustees, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, and deans of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Fine Arts, Graduate School, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and Pharmacy. As per *Governing Regulations IV*, only elected faculty senators may vote on degree lists and honorary degrees.

Regarding Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) and other procedural rules of the Senate, the Chair explained that business comes before the Senate through main motions that are seconded. Committee recommendations do not need seconds. Motions may be amended (requires a second and a vote). While an amendment is before the Senate, discussion must be limited to the amendment and not about the main motion.

Amendments may be amended, but no further. Most motions are approved by a simple majority vote via a show of hands. No one should speak a second time as long as there are senators desiring to speak for the first time. "Calling the Question" will stop debate; it requires two-thirds vote and is not debatable.

4. Old Business

a. Proposed New BA/BS in Information Communication Technology

Hippisley, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), offered some background about the proposal, which was initially presented to the Senate in May 2013. There were no questions.

The **motion** that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BA/BS program in Information Communication Technology in the School of Library and Information Sciences within the College of Communication and Information came from the SC (with a positive recommendation) so no **second** was needed. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. August 2013 Degree List (second of two)

The Chair explained that the August 2013 list was the second of two degree lists for August – the Senate approved the first (early) list in May 2013. There were two (undergraduate) additions as a result of institutional/clerical errors. The Chair reminded senators that only elected faculty senators may vote on degree lists.

The **motion** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's second August 2013 degree list, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board came from the SC, so no **second** was needed. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Honorary Degree Recipients - Dean Jeannine Blackwell, Chair, University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees

The Chair explained that one of the awardees from spring 2013 will be present at the December 2013 commencement to receive her honorary degree. She reminded senators that the names should be kept confidential.

The Chair introduced Jeannine Blackwell, dean of the Graduate School, and chair of the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD). Dean Blackwell thanked the UJCHD members who participated in the deliberations. She reminded senators that the UJCHD cannot make nominations itself, nor should it solicit nominations. Dean Blackwell presented the two nominees (WJ and MN) for honorary degrees.

The Chair noted that according to the *Senate Rules*, the Senate should vote on nominees individually. The **motion** (which came with a recommendation from the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees and the Senate Council) was that the elected faculty senators approve WJ, as the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended recipient of an honorary degree to be conferred by the Board. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no discussion. The Chair reminded senators that only elected faculty senators could vote. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

The next **motion** (which came with a recommendation from the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees) was that the elected faculty senators approve MN as the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate in Letters, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended recipient of an honorary degree to be conferred by the Board. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. Christ commented that it should be clear to senators that the recommendation for this particular nominee did not come from the SC. The Chair added that the SC was not obligated to make a positive or negative recommendation; in this particular case, the SC sent the motion forward without a recommendation. There was no additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with a clear majority in favor, six opposed and six abstaining. Dean Blackwell also requested that the names be kept confidential until the Board of Trustees reviewed the nominees.

7. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee - Davy Jones, Chair

i. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules Regarding MOOCs: *Senate Rules 3.3.0* ("Procedures for Processing Courses and Changes in Courses")

The Chair invited Jones, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), to explain the proposed changes. Jones offered information on the history of the definition of "education" at UK, which since 1970 has been defined as occurring in all three missions of the University [teaching, research and service]. Due to UK's development of its first massively open online course (MOOC), the SREC suggested language to clarify which entities play what roles in approving MOOCs. Jones commented that the new language says that non-credit bearing courses that also do not count towards any certificate or degree do not need to reach the Senate for approval; the approval happens at the college level, although the college may delegate the practice to departments.

One exception to the approval process involves courses that are in educational units which are not situated in a college, such as the Honors Program, which is housed in the Provost's office and multidisciplinary research centers (MDRCs), which reports to the Vice President for Research. In these rare situations where there is no college-level vetting body, review and approval will be rendered by one of the Senate's academic councils (Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, or Health Care Colleges Council).

The drafted language was sent to all college faculty councils, as well as to the Senate's three academic councils, and to senators over the summer. The SREC incorporated a few editorial suggestions into the language being presented to the Senate. The new rule language does not apply to individual activities of a UK faculty member who uses the UK logo to indicate their status as a UK employee, nor does it intend to affect services offered to the public.

The Chair said the **motion** was for the University Senate to approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 3.3.0* and *3.3.3*, effective immediately. Because it came from a committee, no **second** was required.

Hulse asked about continuing education courses offered by some colleges. Jones replied that the new language does apply to those courses, but reminded Hulse that the approval process for such courses was located entirely within the college and did not reach the Senate. Steiner requested that future proposals have acronyms spelled out the first time being used.

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

8. Update on "Presentation U" - Diane Snow and Deanna Sellnow (five minutes)

Guests Diane Snow and Deanna Sellnow offered senators an update on "Presentation U," UK's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) submitted in conjunction with the recent (and successful) reaccreditation exercise.

Grossman asked what happens if after the five-year implementation period, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) believes Presentation U did not work out as planned. Snow replied that SACS-COC was interested in seeing UK put its best foot forward, so if Presentation U were not to work out, the five-year report would be comprised of that information. In response to another question from Grossman, Sellnow said that UK would indeed need to come up with another QEP in five years. Snow added that it could be something that dovetails with Presentation U, or could be something that UK thinks should be added to Presentation U. It does not have to be enormous, but it does have to improve student learning and improve the environment for student learning.

Steiner asked about the percentage of upper-division students who will be involved in Presentation U. Sellnow said that Presentation U would work in tandem with the graduation communication and composition requirement (GCCR). Every undergraduate with a major will be affected.

9. Update on UK's Hosting of April 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research - Diane Snow (five minutes)

Snow shared information about the April 2014 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), which will be hosted by UK, on campus. Event planners expect approximately 4,000 undergraduate students from schools across the nation to attend.

Butler asked how graduate students could participate; Snow replied that graduate programs could open up their areas for students to visit, which could be a great recruitment activity. Lewis asked about hosting faculty members from other institutions. Snow said there would be about 12 sessions to with topics of interest for faculty; there is also a faculty administrator network that would be involved. Wasilkowski asked how quality control will be handled. Snow replied that NCUR requires such reviews and that all submissions will be reviewed by NCUR's review board.

10. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.4.2.5 ("Senate Research Committee")

The Chair said the change involves adding oversight of graduate education to the Senate's Research Committee (SRC). Below are the proposed edits¹.

1.4.2.5 Senate Research and Graduate Education Committee (SRGEC)

The SRC shall be responsible for reviewing University research policies and their implementation. It shall also be responsible for reviewing graduate education policies and their implementation. In addition, it shall make recommendations to the University Senate regarding those policies and the priorities for them.

The **motion** that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *SR 1.4.2.5*, effective immediately, was from committee so no **second** was needed. It came from the SC with a positive recommendation. Charnigo suggested that the acronym in the first sentence also be changed, from "SRC" to "SRGEC." There were no objections to fixing that typo.

¹ Underlining denotes added text.

There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

11. Other Business

The Chair invited senators with an item for discussion under “Other Business” to speak up. Grossman asked about the PharmD admissions changes – had the changes already been approved by the Senate, but not codified in the *Senate Rules*? The Chair clarified that the changes to which she referred were more recent changes that the Senate had not seen.

There being no further business to discuss, Wood **moved** to adjourn and Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Wood,
University Senate Secretary

Absences: Adams, Allison, Anderson*, Andrade, Atwood, Bailey, Ballard, Blackwell, J., Brennen, Conners*, Day, de Beer, Deep, Dickson, Dietz, Durham*, Eckman, Evans, Feist-Price, Ferrier, Fox, Hazard, Jackson, Johnson, Kaplan, Kennedy, Kilgore, Kirschling, Martin, Mehra, Mock, Noonan, Odom, Rabel, Richey, Rieske-Kinney, Riordan, Smyth, Spradlin, Tracy, T., Tracy, J., Truszczynski*, Turner, Van Wie, Voro, Walz, Watt, Wilson, Wiseman, Withers, Witt, and Wyatt.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, October 2, 2013.

* Denotes an absence explained prior to the meeting.