

University Senate  
February 10, 2020

The University Senate met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 in the Athletics Association Auditorium of W. T. Young Library. Below is a 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 Chair Jennifer Bird-Pollan (LA) called the University Senate (Senate) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

The Chair welcomed senators and reminded them that Senate follows Robert's Rules of Order. She reminded senators to pick up their voting clickers and sign in. She also asked everyone to participate in the meetings and share information with colleagues in their home units. She ended with a friendly reminder for senators to return their voting devices to the back of the room prior to departure.

The Chair called for an attendance vote and 55 senators registered their presence.

#### 1. Minutes from January 27, 2020 and Announcements

The Chair reported that only clerical edits to the minutes had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from January 27, 2020 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**. The Chair offered a series of announcements to senators.

The Chair announced that new polling systems are still being considered. Any suggestions can be sent to Ms. Woolery.

The Chair announced that SC is soliciting nominations for faculty who have, and have not, used self-authored textbooks to form an ad hoc committee. Please send Ms. Brothers nominations and include if the nominee has or has not used a self-authored textbook.

The Chair announced that SC will hear a report from Patrick Lee Lucas (DS), chair of Senate's UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC) about recent activities. He will also report to the Senate.

The Chair announced that the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) faculty representative is Bob Staat of the University of Louisville. He is also now the Chair of CPE's Committee on Equal Opportunities.

The Chair reported that she and Chair-Elect Cramer (EN) have joined a group put together by Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Annie Davis Weber. They will discuss whether and how to assess prior learning for academic credit and how to account for students' experiences before they come to UK. The Chair invited anyone on campus with specific interests or program requests to let her or Cramer know. All final decisions will be made through SC and Senate.

The Chair reminded Senators of the curricular deadlines and asked that they share this information with their colleagues. The deadline has passed for new degree programs to be reviewed for a fall 2020 effective date.

#### 2. Officer and Other Reports

##### a. Chair

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The Chair announced that DeShana Collett (HS) will finish the term going through May 31, 2020 for Jennifer Osterhage (AS) as Vice Chair of SC. Collett was previously elected as Vice Chair for the term of June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.

The Chair reported that the SRs give SC authority to take some calendar-related actions on behalf of Senate as long as they are reported to Senate. At the most recent meeting, SC approved two changes, to both the 2019-20 calendar and 2020-21 calendar. Changes were made to registration windows and the graduation deadline (now April 1). Both the May and summer graduation lists will be approved at the same time and there will no longer be a late summer list. The Chair asked senators to share this information widely.

The Chair reported that SC has not yet reviewed the nominations for committees but plans to do so during their next meeting. She thanked everyone who responded to the call already and said that they still need more nominations of full professors for area committees. She encouraged senators to consider nominating themselves or others by letting Ms. Brothers know by Friday, February 14, 2020.

The Chair updated Senate on the regularly scheduled activity to purge unwanted courses. The activity has been delayed because getting the spreadsheet to include college and department affiliations for courses has been a challenge. Once the SC Office receives this information, the courses will be sent out to senators, deans, curricular contacts, department chairs, and others as appropriate.

b. Provost

Provost Blackwell did not have a report to give.

c. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair DeShana Collett (HS) did not have a report to give.

d. Parliamentarian

Parliamentarian Doug Michael (LA) was absent.

e. Trustee

Trustees Bob Grossman (AS) and Lee Blonder (ME) did not have a report to give.

3. Degree Recipients

a. May 2020 In Memoriam Degree Recipient

i. College of Education Student LK-11

The Chair welcomed Margaret Mohr-Schroeder (ED/Department of STEM Education and Associate Dean for Clinical Preparation and Partnerships) to present information about the proposed May 2020 In Memoriam Degree to College of Education Student LK-11. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve College of Education student LK-11 as the recipient of an In Memoriam honorary degree for May 2020, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 63 in favor, one opposed, and none abstaining.

b. Spring 2020 Social Work Graduated at Ft. Sam Houston

The Chair explained that the program was created a couple of years ago with the US Army and the College of Social Work. The students at Ft. Sam Houston in Texas finish their coursework in early April

and there is a graduation ceremony at that time in Texas. These students are awarded May degrees, but if the names are approved now, when Provost Blackwell travels to Texas for their graduation ceremony he can use the same language that the President uses during commencement in May, which will make the ceremony more meaningful for the Ft. Sam Houston students. The approval would be contingent upon the students completing all requirements. There were some questions of fact about the need to approve this degree list on a regular basis and if other programs will want to start off cycle graduation dates. It was explained that this is part of the contract between UK and the US Army to allow active duty officers to complete the program as soon as possible. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators approve the Spring 2020 list of Social Work candidates for credentials from Ft. Sam Houston, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 61 in favor, two opposed, and three abstaining.

c. Late Addition to December 2019 Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.2.4 ("Late Addition to Degree List"))

i. College of Arts and Sciences Student GA-69

The Chair reported that a student was not on the December 2019 degree list due to a clerical error. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the elected faculty senators amend the December 2019 degree list by adding the MA in Hispanic Studies for student GA-69 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2019. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 65 in favor, none opposed, and none abstaining.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer (EN) Chair

i. Proposed New MA in Orientation and Mobility

Cramer explained the proposal for a new MA in Orientation and Mobility. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MA in Orientation and Mobility, in the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counselor Education within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 68 in favor and one opposed, and none abstaining.

ii. Proposed New MS in Teacher Preparation Program in Visual Impairments

Cramer explained the proposal for a new MS in Teacher Preparation Program in Visual Impairments. There were no questions of fact. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MS in Teacher Preparation Program in Visual Impairments, in the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Counselor Education within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 68 in favor, one opposed, and none abstaining.

iii. Proposed New MS in Supply Chain Management

Cramer explained the proposal for a new MS in Supply Chain Management. There was one question of fact. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MS in Supply Chain

Management, in the Department of Marketing and Supply Chain within the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Because the motion came from committee, no second was required. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 74 in favor, none opposed, and none abstaining.

iv. Proposed New BS in Product Design

Cramer explained the proposal for a new BS in Product Design. There was a question of fact to confirm this is a bachelor's degree at the college level. The Chair then said that the motion on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new BS in Product Design, in the College of Design. Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 62 in favor, three opposed, and two abstaining.

b. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) – Zack Bray (LA), Chair

i. Proposed Name Change from the Department of Statistics to the Dr. Bing Zhang Department of Statistics

Bray explained the proposal to change the name of the Department of Statistics to the Dr. Bing Zhang Department of Statistics. There were many questions of fact regarding administrative policy, perpetuity of the name, and the presence of a morality clause. Guest Tom Barker (Philanthropy, Senior Executive Director of Gift and Estate Planning) also participated in the discussion. It was clarified that the name change was not requested by the donor, but by the College of Arts and Sciences. The Chair suggested having a separate conversation about general naming policy at another time.

The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the University Senate endorse the proposed name change of the Department of Statistics to the Dr. Bing Zhang Department of Statistics. Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. Katherine McCormick (ED, Department of Early Childhood, Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling and Senior Provost Faculty Fellow), Christian Brady (LHC, Dean of Lewis Honors College), Bob Grossman (AS, Department of Chemistry and Faculty Trustee), Herman Ferrell (FA, Department of Theatre & Dance), and Liz Debski (AS, Department of Biology) endorsed the proposal. Scott Yost (EN, Department of Civil Engineering) did not endorse the proposal. Some senators expressed that they were not opposed to this proposal, but there should be discussion about the larger issue of naming policy at another time. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 52 in favor, six opposed, and seven abstaining.

5. Proposed Change to *Senate Rules 5.4.1.2.1* ("Application for Degrees," "Undergraduate Degrees") and *Senate Rules 5.4.1.2.2* ("Application for Degrees," "Graduate Degrees")

The Chair informed Senate that the University Registrar was unavailable to present the proposed change so she would be presenting in the Registrar's place. The Chair explained that due to the earlier calendar change for the Spring/Summer graduation deadline of April 1<sup>st</sup>, that the *SR* language needed to be changed as well. There were some questions about consistency of dates from year to year and the Chair explained that the dates will only be adjusted if they fall on a weekend. The Chair then said that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 5.4.1.2.1* ("Application for Degrees," "Undergraduate Degrees") and *SR 5.4.1.2.2* ("Application for Degrees," "Graduate Degrees"). Because the **motion** came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with 63 in favor, one opposed, and none abstaining.

6. Syllabus Initiative (Discussion Only)

The Chair explained that the agenda item was listed as “discussion only” because SC valued Senate’s feedback, but also desired another chance to review the proposal before taking it to Senate for a vote.

The Chair welcomed Allison Soult (AS, Department of Chemistry) to discuss the syllabus initiative. Soult explained that the syllabus initiative began as a result of concerns, primarily raised by the Undergraduate Council (UC) and the Ombud’s office. The *SRs* do not contain enough guidance regarding syllabi and information about syllabi is scattered throughout the *SRs*; this causes problems for both students and faculty. In response, a small group put together a draft of Standard Academic Policies that would be available online for instructors to reference on their syllabi with a link, as well as drafted *SR* language so that all the syllabi-related information in the *SRs* could be easily found in one location. The purpose is to make things easier for faculty and students, specifically to help shorten syllabi and provide students with current, up-to-date information. If some aspect of a Standard Academic Policy changes (e.g. Senate approves changes to *SRs* or a student resource office changes its location or phone number), Ms. Brothers will update the information on the web page for Standard Academic Policies and then all faculty who link to that page will automatically provide students with the most up-to-date information.

There were many comments and questions for Soult. She confirmed that the Ombud’s office has reviewed and approved the practice of putting some syllabi information online that students can access on their own. During the discussion, Soult explained that the Senate syllabus template would continue to be updated, although some of the *SR* language would be removed and the template would include the URL. Those voicing opinions about the proposal were supportive.

Below are some of the suggestions for improvement.

- Add language to explicitly describe the programs that would not be subject to the required syllabus components.
- Changes to the *SRs* regarding Required Syllabi Components and Standard Academic Policies should come to the full Senate, not be delegated to the SC. If there is an emergency, the *SRs* already give the SC the authority to act on behalf of Senate.
- In *SR 6.1.1*, the phrase “first class meeting” may be problematic. For example, in the spring semester, if a class meets only on Mondays, the first class meeting would occur after the drop/add period.
- As written, the copyright statement would prevent a student from using lecture notes from one course as an educational aid in a later course.

The Chair thanked senators for their input and directed them to Soult if they had additional comments.

#### 7. Items from the Floor

Roger Brown (AG, Department of Agricultural Economics) asked about following up on the suggestion to create an advisory committee to address issues related to naming rights. Grossman suggested that SC should add this issue to their next agenda for discussion.

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Grossman (AS) moved to adjourn and Farrell (FA) seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 53 in favor, one opposed, and none abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan  
University Senate Council Chair

Absences: Abdel-Latif, Arnett, Bagh, Bailey, Beck, Bieber, Birdwhistell, Blackwell\*, Blonder, Boyle, Brown, Bucheit, Campbell\*, Cantrell\*, Capilouto, Cassis, Collins, Cox, Curwood\*, DeSantis, DiPaola, Fancher, Feist-Price, Gauthier, Gent, Goble, Goodin, Greer, Griggs, Guiton\*, Guy, Hamilton, Harley, Harper, Heath\*, Heilig, Hicks, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Kelly, Kennedy, Kornbluh, Kruchten, Lauersdorf, Lee-Post\*, Lephart, Loftin\*, Lorch, Mardini, Martin, Mehra\*, Michael, Miller, Morgan, Mudd-Martin, Murthy, Okeson, Pauly, Phillips, Richey, Roberts\*, Rogers, Rotkis, Saffari, Schuer\*, Shaikh, Sheather, Smith, Stemple, Swartz, Tagavi, Taylor, Turner, Vasil\*, Vosevich, Way, Wells\*, K. Wilson, and M. Wilson.

\*Denotes an explained absence.

Invited guests present: Tom Barker, Sheila Brothers, Davy Jones, Donna Lee, Betty Lorch, Bill Rayens, Margaret Mohr-Schroeder, Arnold Stromberg, Haoying Sun, Bill Swinford, and Mitzi Vernon.

Prepared by Stephanie Woolery on Thursday, February 13, 2020.