

Senate Council

Monday, March 7, 2022

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 7, 2022, in 103 Main Building, although a video conference link was also available. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken using electronically using Poll Everywhere unless otherwise specified. Specific voting information can be requested from the Office of the Senate Council (SC).

Senate Council Chair Aaron Cramer (EN) called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The Chair welcomed those present. He informed everyone that the session was being recorded for notetaking purposes and noted that it was an open meeting. He asked that the SC members participating via Zoom to type their name and affiliation into the chat box and added that the chat function is generally only used for attendance and not monitored. He asked that all attendees, online and in person, state their name and affiliation prior to speaking, to ensure everyone knew who was speaking.

He asked those attending via Zoom to indicate by using the “clapping hands” react in Zoom if they could not hear members speaking in-person at any point.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair reported there were no minutes ready for review.

The Chair announced that there have been discussions among college associate deans to propose changes to the Senate policy that if a student earns less than a 0.6 GPA in at least nine credit hours, the dean can choose to suspend the student. He added that he provided advice to their working group through Katie Cardarelli (senior associate provost for administration and academic affairs).

The Chair said he had received a request for nominees for a dean’s summative review and asked if SC were willing to identify names at the end of the meeting. There were no objections

2. Provost Update

Provost Bob DiPaola provided an update on the search committees working on the positions listed below.

- Associate provost for faculty advancement
- Arts and Sciences dean
- Graduate School dean and associate provost for graduate and professional education
- Nursing dean
- Chellgren Center director and chair

In response to a question from Oltmann (CI), the Provost offered some information about the QEP.

3. Renewal Ombud Term for 2020-21

The Chair introduced the topic. Vincent (BE) **moved** to reappoint Ombud Alice Turkington to a second term and Grossman (AS) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed Changes to 2022-2023 College of Law Calendar

Guest Jennifer Bird-Pollan (LA, associate dean of academic affairs) explained the proposed changes, which included a new fall break and a holiday on federal election day. SC members discussed the proposed changes.

Tagavi noted that for Law, the last day to drop a course without any fee was a different day than in the University calendar. The Chair asked Bird-Pollan if she could find out if there was a historically meaningful reason about why the dates were different. Kim Taylor (registrar) said she would research the issue.

Grossman **moved** to approve the proposed changes and Cagle **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained. The Chair said he would look into the issue of the last day to withdraw from a course without a fee.

5. Faculty Evaluation of the President

The Chair describe the past composition of the SC workgroup that oversees the annual faculty evaluation of the President. The Chair explained that the group had most recently consisted of Vincent (BE), Collett (HS), and Charnigo (PbH). He said that the SC had previously discussed that in addition to the free-text field that was for the President's eyes only, the SC had expressed interest in creating an additional free-text field that could be used as part of the statistical analysis of survey results. He added that he mentioned sharing the President's self-evaluation with survey recipients to President Capilouto, who did not have a strong opinion about that possible action. The Chair asked SC member with thoughts about the faculty survey to share them via email.

6. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Leslie Vincent, Chair

i. Proposed New USP between BA/BS Political Science and MPA Public Administration

Vincent (BE) explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair noted that the **motion** on the floor was a recommendation to approve the proposed new USP. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken, and the motion to approve the proposed new USP between BA/BS Political Science and MPA Public Administration **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Organization Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Gregg Hall, Chair

i. Proposed Suspension and Closure of MA Middle School Education

Hall (GS) explained the proposal, noting that the Senate had approved closure of the BS Middle School Education earlier in academic year. There was a question of fact. The **motion** on the floor was to approve the proposed suspension and closure of the MA Middle School Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debated. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed Consolidation of the Department of Epidemiology and Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health into the Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health (within the College of Public Health)

Hall (GS) explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The **motion** on the floor was a recommendation to endorse the proposed consolidation of the Department of Epidemiology and Department of

Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health into the Department of Epidemiology and Environmental Health, within the College of Public Health. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was no debate. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed Reorganization of the School of Human Environmental Sciences (within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)

Hall (GS) explained the proposal, including the nature of how the proposal has changed over time (no longer seeking to rename the School of Human Environmental Sciences) and the conflicts within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment related to some aspects of the proposal. The Chair noted that the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) was unable to come to a clear decision, which meant there would likely be more SC discussion than usual; he explained how he intended to conduct the discussion. The Chair clarified that the proposal specifically involved a proposed transfer of the Departments of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, Family Sciences, and Retailing and Tourism Management from the School of Human Environmental Sciences within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment to be directly homed in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. The transfer will not affect where curricula, including courses and programs, or faculty reside. The Chair called for questions of fact; SC members asked a number of questions related to all aspects of the proposal; the discussion included comments from a variety of representatives from the College as well as from a member of the SAOSC who explained that he was raising issues that were problematic for other members, too. The discussion went on for almost an hour, including matters related to four faculty members who may or may not be transferring to the School of Human Environmental Sciences.

Noting the time, the Chair reminded SC members about the SC's options regarding how to present the proposal to the Senate: recommend endorsing the transfer of the Departments of Dietetics and Human Nutrition, Family Sciences, and Retailing and Tourism, within the School of Human Environmental Sciences, into direct reporting to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment; place the item before the Senate with no recommendation; or recommend the Senate not endorse it. There was additional discussion.

Grossman **moved** that the SC put the item on the next Senate agenda, with a recommendation to endorse. The motion **died** due to lack of a second. Oltmann **moved** to put the item on the next Senate agenda, without any recommendation about endorsement. Tagavi **seconded**. Some SC members expressed concern that without any formal SC guidance, the discussion during the Senate meeting would be just as difficult, if not more so. Debate on the motion continued. SC members asked the Chair to interact with the four affected faculty members, to ascertain their opinions about moving to the School of Human Environmental Sciences from the Department of Family Sciences. Given the complexities surrounding the proposal, SC members also requested a visual diagram of the proposed changes. Grossman **moved** to amend the motion to table the proposal until March 28, during which time additional information can be gathered. Cagle **seconded**. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the substitute motion was **approved**. After an additional few comments, a **vote** was taken on the amended motion (to table until March 28) and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Senate's Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC) - Mark O'Bryan, Chair

i. Input on Facilities-Related Survey

The Chair welcomed Mark O'Bryan (DS). O'Bryan described the proposed survey briefly. Given the time, SC members suggested O'Bryan ask for senators' input at the March meeting and then return to the SC for a more thorough discussion.

7. Nominees for Provost-Level Performance Appeal Committee Members

The Chair said there were faculty members who were nominated by SC last year, but not chosen to serve. He suggested using those names as a starting point and said he would solicit input via the listserv.

8. Solicitation of Input from SC Members

Noting the time, the Chair said that this item could be skipped because he would solicit input via the listserv.

9. Tentative Senate Agenda for March 21, 2022

Acknowledging the need to remove the Human Environmental Sciences item, the Chair suggested the tentative agenda be approved by lack of objection. There were no objections to his suggestion or the agenda.

10. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

Time did not permit a discussion on additional items. The Chair confirmed he would check on the issue related to the Law calendar.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Cramer,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Collett, Vincent, Cramer, Broyles, Duncan, Cantrell, Oltmann, De Corte, Takenaka, Tagavi, Blonder, Hawse, Cagle, and Swanson.

Invited guests present: Sheila Brothers, Bob DiPaola, Gregg Hall, Mark O'Bryan, Jennifer Bird-Pollan, Nancy Cox, Brian Lee, Jason Hans, Jennifer Hunter, Margaret Rintamaa, Erin Haynes, and Brooke Kuerzi

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, March 24, 2022