

Senate Council

Monday, October 31, 2022

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 24, 2022, in 103 Main Building, although a video conference link was also available for members. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands. Specific voting information can be requested from the Senate Council office.

Senate Council Chair DeShana Collett (HS) called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 PM. The Chair welcomed those present. She reminded SC members to log into the voting software Poll Everywhere as there were votes scheduled. The Chair asked that all attendees, online and in person, state their name and affiliation prior to speaking, to ensure everyone knew who was speaking. If on Zoom, please be muted unless speaking. The Chair reminded SC members that regarding the ability to speak, members must raise their hand to be called upon. SC members have priority speaking, although others may be called upon as needed and given a chance to speak only if there were no additional comments from SC members.

Given the number of guests, the Chair suggested those present at the table and around the room introduce themselves.

1. Minutes from October 24, 2022 and Announcements

The Chair informed SC members that no edits were received for the October 24 minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes were **approved** as distributed **by unanimous consent**.

2. Committee Reports

a. Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Gregg Hall, Chair

i. Proposed Name Change of Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods to the John Stewart Department of Finance and Quantitative Methods

Gregg Hall (GS), SAOSC chair, explained the proposal. The Chair noted that there was a **motion** from the committee for the Senate to endorse the proposal; because the motion comes from committee, no **second** was required. She stated that the floor was open to members for questions of fact and debate.

There were some questions. When there were no further hands raised, the Chair indicated it was time to **vote** on the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed with six in favor and one abstained.

ii. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Bioactive Interfaces and Devices

Hall explained the proposal. The Chair noted that there was a **motion** from the committee for the Senate to approve the suspension of admissions and closure of the certificate; because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair stated that the floor was open to members for questions of fact and debate.

After a brief exchange about the correct name of the major, the Chair called for a **vote** and the motion **passed** with six in favor.

iii. Proposed Suspension of MSEDU Educational Policy Studies

Hall explained the proposal. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** from the committee that the Senate approve the suspension of admissions. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were a few questions. The Chair called for a **vote** and the motion **passed** with six in favor.

There were no objections to the Chair's suggestion that the next item discussed be the EdD, for the convenience of the contact person in attendance.

v. Proposed Suspension and Closure of EdD Educational Policy Studies Measurement and Evaluation

Hall explained the proposal. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** from the committee that the Senate approve the suspension of admissions. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were no questions. The Chair called for a **vote** and the motion **passed** with six in favor.

iv. Proposed Suspension and Closure of BSHE Merchandising, Apparel, and Textiles

Hall explained the proposal. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** from the committee that the Senate approve the suspension of admissions and endorse closure of the degree by the Board. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were no questions. The Chair called for a **vote** and the motion **passed** with six in favor.

vi. Proposed Suspension and Closure of MENG Engineering

Hall explained the proposal. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** from the committee that the Senate approve the suspension of admissions and endorse closure of the degree by the Board. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were no questions. The Chair called for a **vote** and the motion **passed** with six in favor.

vii. Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Informatics

Hall explained the proposal. The Chair noted that there was a **motion** from the committee for the Senate to approve the suspension of admissions and closure of the certificate; because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair stated that the floor was open to members for questions of fact and debate but no hands were raised. The Chair called for a **vote** and the motion **passed** with six in favor.

Faculty Trustee Cramer (EN) expressed his appreciation for the work conducted by Acting Associate Provost for Planning and Assessment Katherine McCormick and by staff in the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. He noted that they had been helping to find and close zombie programs that were thought by the units to have been closed years prior. It was quite reasonable to close them, but he suggested to Provost DiPaola that there should be some accountability within colleges about maintaining their programs, so that Senate is asked to weigh in on closure before Senate's input is irrelevant.

b. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC") - Leslie Vincent, Chair

i. Proposed Change to BS Digital Media Design

Leslie Vincent (BE), SAASC chair, explained the proposal. The Chair noted that there was a **motion** from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposal; because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair stated that the floor was open to members for questions of fact and debate and there was one question. The Chair called for a **vote** and the motion **passed** with six in favor.

3. Update on UK Graduate Profile Academy - Senior Vice Provost Katie Cardarelli

The Chair welcomed Senior Associate Provost for Administration and Academic Affairs Katie Cardarelli noting this was not the first time Cardarelli provided an update for SC members on this initiative from the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) (among KY's public institutions) to improve the skill sets of graduates.

Cardarelli offered SC members a brief presentation. Her comments were followed by discussion with SC members on a variety of facets of the Academy and other CPE-related initiatives. Faculty Trustee Cramer (EN) commented on the broad nature of CPE's initiatives, noting that UK was generally less in need of the CPE's

assistance than other institutions across the Commonwealth. Cramer noted that when the CPE asks UK (and other universities) to engage in activities that are within the purview of faculty, such as the semi-recent requirement for Kentucky's public universities to evaluate the strategic significance of their programs, it is helpful to both UK as a whole (and perhaps other universities) for the faculty at UK to be the decision makers regarding programs. By actively involving faculty in these CPE initiatives, both the faculty's and the institution's oversight of whatever initiative the CPE is undertaking at any given time is maintained.

6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

At the request of Tagavi (EN), Provost DiPaola explained search candidates' expectations of privacy during searches and described why current UK practices are in place. There were a number of comments and suggestions about the practices surrounding a campus visit for a search candidate, including providing extra time for SC members and others to review a search candidate's credentials prior to their visit, how to evaluate the first search candidate without the benefit of having someone to compare them to, and reincorporating "airport interviews" to provide in-person interactions prior to the campus visit.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 PM by **unanimous consent**.

Respectfully submitted by,
DeShana Collett

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SC members present: Bastin, Charnigo, Collett, Cramer, Duncan, Raglin, Swanson, Tagavi, Takenaka, and Vincent

Invited guests present: Kim Anderson, John Balk, Sheila Brothers, Katie Cardarelli, Chris Clifford, Nicole Cartier, Robert DiPaola, Gregg Hall, Jane Jensen, Gregg Rentfrow, and Mirek Truszczynski