

Senate Council

Monday, March 27, 2023

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 27, 2023, 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 electronically unless otherwise specified. Specific voting information can be requested from the Office of the Senate Council (SC).

Senate Council Chair DeShana Collett (HS) called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The Chair welcomed those present. She informed everyone that the session was being recorded for notetaking purposes and noted that it was an open meeting. She asked that all attendees, online and in person, state their name and affiliation prior to speaking, to ensure everyone knew who was speaking. The Chair asked SC members to be ready to vote via Poll Everywhere. The Chair reminded SC members that regarding the ability to speak, members must raise their hand to be called upon. The Chair also reminded everyone that SC members would have priority speaking, noting that others may be called upon as needed and given a chance to speak only if there were no additional comments from SC members.

1. Minutes from March 6, 2023 and Announcements

The Chair informed SC members that no edits were received to the March 6, 2023 minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes from March 6, 2023 were **approved as distributed by unanimous consent**.

The Chair announced that the SC retreat would take place on Monday, May 15, 2023, and asked SC to mark their calendars. The Chair noted the location had not yet been confirmed, but informed SC members that the retreat would tentatively take place from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The Chair commented that breakfast and lunch would be provided.

The Chair informed SC members that the campuswide solicitation for area committees and other committees would be distributed soon, noting that Qualtrics would be used to gather nominations and that the Senate Nominating Committee (SNC) would be involved before SC was asked to review those nominees.

The Chair announced that the SC office would be partnering with the Office of the Registrar again to conduct the annual "course purge" to comply with *Senate Rules 3.2.3.4 ("Automatic Deletion of Courses from Bulletin")*. The Chair described the process that the Registrar and the SC office would be moving forward with, noting any suggestions about the process should be sent to the Sheila Brothers (SC office) within the next day or two. If a department chair wishes to retain a course in their inventory that is scheduled to be purged, they will need to submit a formal request to waive the SR related to automatic deletion.

The Chair informed SC members that earlier today, she held a forum with Faculty Trustees Aaron Cramer (EN) and Hollie Swanson (ME), SC Vice Chair Leslie Vincent (BE), and the College of Law faculty members. The Chair commented that the purpose of the forum was to allow Law faculty members to express concerns and comments. The Chair noted that she asked Sheila Brothers (SC office) to take notes on their comments to provide a summary of concerns that were expressed, which would be reviewed and provided to the College of Law faculty for the opportunity to suggest any edits. The Chair stated the summary of concerns would help ensure their voice was present in administrative discussions about the matter. The Chair commented that it was important to note that both the President and the Provost expressed concerns about holding the event and questioned Senate's authority to hold the event. The Chair reminded those present that the Senate had broad authority over educational matters as outlined by the *Governing Regulations*. It is implausible to think that the ABA's citation of the J. Rosenberg College of Law had no effect on education in that college.

The Chair informed SC members that she asked Acting Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement Sue Nokes to participate in a new group collaboration she was leading with Associate Dean Sara Lyons (AS) about safety policies on campus.

2. Old Business

a. 2022-2023 Faculty Evaluation of the President

The Chair reminded SC members that membership had recently consisted of herself when she held the SC Vice Chair role, Richard Charnigo (PbH), and Leslie Vincent (BE). The Chair stated the recommendation was for the committee to consist of SC Vice Chair-elect Sandra Bastin (AG), Richard Charnigo (PbH), and Leslie Vincent (BE). There being **no objections**, the committee composition for the 2022-2023 Faculty Evaluation of the President committee was **approved by unanimous consent**.

The Chair commented that she met with President Capilouto in February and reminded him that this was the time of year that the SC conducted the evaluation. He had no feedback to offer on the survey questions, although he did suggest using UK's IDEA survey, which is the standard tool for evaluating deans and the provost. The Chair reminded SC members that the SC added a free-text space for respondents to offer a narrative comment for SC to use in the statistical evaluation. The Chair indicated other changes could be considered at the SC retreat, for future surveys.

The Chair asked SC members if Monday, April 3 to Friday, April 21 was an acceptable timeline for the survey to remain open and SC members agreed. The Chair asked if there were other issues related to the evaluation of the President that needed to be discussed. SC members briefly discussed the following:

- The value of using qualitative information to interpret quantitative data
- The value of using qualitative information to provide better information to the Board of Trustees about certain trends compared to prior years
- The rigorous approach the committee had for analyzing the qualitative data

b. Outstanding Senator Award Committee

The Chair reminded SC members that per *SR 1.3.1.3.2*, the SC Vice Chair oversees the Outstanding Senator Award (OSA) Committee. SC members Sandra Bastin (AG) and Kiarah Raglin (SGA) agreed to serve on the OSA committee. The Chair noted that the work would be done this semester and the award would be presented to the individual at the September Senate meeting.

The Chair noted that she had spoken with the Provost about the possibility of adding awards sponsored by the Senate that included financial compensation, including adding a financial compensation component to the OSA. The Chair also noted that she was meeting with Acting Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement Sue Nokes to discuss the matter as well.

3. Update from Senior Associate Provost for Administration and Academic Affairs Katie Cardarelli on Sabbaticals

The Chair invited Senior Associate Provost for Administration and Academic Affairs Katie Cardarelli to provide an update on sabbaticals. Cardarelli provided an update to SC members and included the following information:

- There is no university policy that includes limiting the number of sabbaticals approved by the Office of the Provost (Cardarelli emphasized there is no policy related to “no more than 11% of the faculty in any college can be on sabbatical at any one given time”)
- Colleges have the ability to prioritize requests for sabbatical or limit the number of requests for sabbatical to ensure resource availability and continuity of instruction

- Cluster hires may prohibit faculty from going on sabbatical at the same time
- Budgetary influences, instructional needs, and other factors might lead a college to make decisions to support how they move forward

SC members asked a variety of questions about source of the specific budgets for sabbaticals, the quality of requests, how the requests were evaluated for “quality,” and what other guidance had been provided to college deans. Cardarelli clarified that there was no specific sabbatical budget for any college and that sabbatical requests were evaluated by the Office of Faculty Advancement on behalf of the Provost. Cardarelli noted that it was important for the requests to clearly explain the impact on serving the Commonwealth that the sabbatical would have.

4. Proposed Change to *Senate Rules 3.2.2.2.2 (“Course Numbering System,” “Exceptions”)*

The Chair informed SC members that Roger Brown (AG) was the proposer for the proposed change to *SR 3.2.2.2.2 (“Course Number System,” “Exceptions”)*. The Chair noted that Brown was proposing this change as a faculty member and not as the Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) chair.

Brown explained the proposed change to *SR 3.2.2.2.2 (“Course Number System,” “Exceptions”)*. The Chair stated that the proposal had sufficient merit, and that it was now SC’s responsibility to provide guidance and next steps. SC members briefly discussed the proposal and whether the proposal should undergo committee consideration. SC members agreed to send the proposal to the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) for review. There were **no objections**.

The Chair thanked Brown for his proposal.

5. Committee Reports

a. Senate Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Sandra Bastin, Chair

The Chair invited SAPC Chair Sandra Bastin (AG) to give a report.

i. *Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Family Financial Therapy*

The Chair noted that Associate Professor & Couple and Family Therapy Program Director Nathan Wood (AG) was the proposer.

Bastin explained the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Family Financial Therapy. The Chair noted that proposal also involved online delivery and was reviewed by the Senate Committee for Distance eLearning (SCDLeL). SCDLeL Chair Sara Police (ME) provided a committee report about the proposal.

The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Family Financial Therapy, in the Department of Family Sciences, in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and be offered online. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

ii. *Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy*

The Chair noted that Associate Professor & Couple and Family Therapy Program Director Nathan Wood (AG) was the proposer.

Bastin explained the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy. The Chair noted that proposal also involved online delivery and was reviewed by the Senate Committee for Distance

eLearning (SCDLeL). SCDLeL Chair Sara Police (ME) provided a committee report about the proposal.

The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Play Therapy, in the Department of Family Sciences, in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, and be offered online. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

The Chair thanked Bastin, Police, and Wood.

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

The Chair invited SAASC Chair Leslie Vincent (BE) to give a report.

i. *Proposed Change to BSAB Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology*

The Chair noted that Assistant Professor Lou Hirsch was the proposer (AG). Vincent explained the proposed change to the BSAB Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology.

The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to the BSAB Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology, in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate but there was none.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

c. Senate Distance Learning and e-Learning Committee (SCDLeL) - Sara Police, Chair

The Chair invited SCDLeL Chair Sara Police (ME) to give a report.

i. *Proposed Change to Graduate Certificate in Teaching Nursing*

The Chair noted that Assistant Dean Debra Hampton (NU) was the proposer and that Kathy Collins (graduate program student services) was also attending. Police explained the proposed change to the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Nursing.

The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to the Graduate Certificate in Teaching, in the College of Nursing. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

SC members briefly discussed the definition of an online program, whether students would be appropriately informed of in-person requirements, and the importance of in-person interactions for healthcare programs that were offered via distance learning.

A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

6. QEP Update

The Chair invited QEP co-chair Susan Cantrell (ED) to provide an update on the QEP. Cantrell provided an update to SC members. Cantrell discussed three primary strategy to achieve the goals of the QEP topic, Transdisciplinary Educational approaches to advance Kentucky (TEK), including the following:

- Provide opportunities for students to learn essential employability skills in newly created and re-designed courses
- Leverage faculty expertise to expand the use of transdisciplinary approach in undergraduate classes across the university
- Link the transdisciplinary skills students are learning to Kentucky workforce needs

Cantrell provided information about the implementation of TEK, including the TEK Implementation Advisory Committee and the student focus group. Cantrell also provided SC members with the results of a student survey for student interest in TEK.

SC members asked a variety of questions about the data collected in the student survey, whether there were global components in the problem solving involved in TEK, issues in Kentucky, how TEK 200 and 300 courses might integrate with UK Core, what level of Distribution of Effort (DOE) deans were willing to commit for faculty to participate in TEK, and assessment for TEK.

The Chair thanked Cantrell for her update.

7. Senate Meeting Roundtable

The Chair invited SC members to provide feedback on the March 20, 2023 Senate meeting. SC members expressed the following thoughts:

- More time on Director of the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching Trey Conatser's presentation about artificial intelligence (AI) and academic integrity would have been preferred
- SC members offered praise for the presentation delivered by Senate UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC) Chair Keiko Tanaka
- There were fewer people attending in-person and it seemed that there was better online presentation
- There was some trouble hearing some of the mics
- Downstream effects of some changes, such as the GCCR change should be anticipated and considered
- There was an increased number of business items compared to other Senate meetings and presentations could potentially be shortened depending on the content
- Business items were the priority and Senate meetings were formally a deliberative meeting
- The topic of AI and academic integrity was a serious topic and it may good to begin conversations with the Academic Ombud about how to navigate

SC members also briefly discussed the use of AI tools like ChatGPT. The Chair asked Molly Blasing (AS) if she would be willing to chair a subcommittee related to AI and academic integrity and Blasing agreed. The Chair commented that the topic would be discussed further at the SC Retreat.

8. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

The Chair invited items from the floor.

Kaveh Tagavi (EN) commented that the faculty trustee election voting mechanism asked voters to rank candidates despite there only being two candidates. Bob Grossman (AS) noted that this was the first time there were only two candidates running and that the voting mechanism was not initially set up for only two candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,
DeShana Collett

Prepared by Katie Silver on Wednesday, March 29, 2023

SC Members Present: Bastin, Blasing, Collett, Cramer, Davis, Duncan, Grossman, Laws, Michael, Raglin, Salt, Swanson, Tagavi, Takenaka, Vincent

Invited Guests Present: Sheila Brothers, Roger Brown, Susan Cantrell, Katie Cardarelli, Kathy Collins, Robert DiPaola, Debra Hampton, Lou Hirsch, Sara Police, Gregg Rentfrow, Nathan Wood