Senate Council

Monday, April 17, 2023

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 17, 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 April 3, 2023 and Announcements

The Chair informed SC members that no edits were received to the April 3, 2023 minutes. There being **no objections,** the minutes from April 3, 2023 were **approved as distributed by unanimous consent.**

The Chair wished Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) a happy birthday.

The Chair introduced SC members to the new Student Government Associate (SGA) President Lizzy Hornung.

2. Degree Recipients

The Chair informed SC members that Acting Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Programs Martha Peterson would not be able to attend until 4:00 PM and recommended that SC return to the agenda item upon her arrival.

b. Late Additions to the May 2023 Degree List

The Chair explained that the Board of Trustees spring meeting usually took place after the May Senate meeting, but this year the Board of Trustees spring meeting was scheduled to occur in late April. The Chair noted that the deadline to apply to graduate was April 1st, and that the Registrar typically sent out a tentative list a week or so after the deadline. The Chair explained the Senate usually received the degree list at the end of April, but due to the Board's meeting schedule, the tentative list had to be sent slightly before the deadline, thus compressing the timeline for the degree list and causing an increase in late additions to the degree list.

Marilyn Duncan (ME) **moved** for elected faculty members of SC to recommend Senate approve adding the students to the May 2023 and August 2023 degree lists. Olivia Davis (BE) **seconded.** The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There was no debate.

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

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4. Update on Courses Homed in the Provost's Office – Senior Associate Provost for Administration and Academic Affairs Katie Cardarelli

The Chair invited Senior Associate Provost for Administration and Academic Affairs Katie Cardarelli to provide an update to SC members on courses homed in the Provost's Office.

Cardarelli provided information to SC members about courses and faculty bodies across campus that would be homed in the Provost's office and explained that she would serve as the dean for such courses. SC members offered the following feedback:

- A summary of the type and frequency of activities that the committee had been working on would be beneficial
- It may be beneficial for the faculty bodies mentioned to give a yearly summary to Cardarelli
- Additional information about the course prefixes or a brief description about the courses mentioned would be helpful
- Whether there were recent curricular changes related to Academic Preparation and Placement (APP) courses due to potential deficiencies related to COVID

The Chair commented that she would work with Cardarelli to clarify some of the information before the report went to Senate.

3. Committee Reports

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

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

i. *Proposed Change to BSASC Animal Sciences*

The Chair stated that Professor Debra Aaron (AG) was the proposer. Bastin explained the proposed change to the BSASC Animal Sciences. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for Senate to approve the proposed change to the BSASC Animal Sciences in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences 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. There was no debate.

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

ii. *Proposed New USP between BS Health Promotion (non-teaching) and MS Health Promotion*

The Chair stated that Associate Professor Stephanie Bennett (ED) was the proposer. Bastin explained the proposed new University Scholars Program (USP) between the BS Health Promotion (non-teaching) and the MS Health Promotion. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for Senate to approve the new USP between the BS Health Promotion (non-teaching) and the MS Health Promotion. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) **suggested** SC place the proposed new USP between the BS Health Promotion (non-teaching) and the MS Health Promotion on the consent agenda for Senate and there were no objections.

A **vote** was taken on the motion to recommend approval, and the motion **passed** with none opposed**.**

b. Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Gregg Rentfrow, Chair
The Chair invited SAOSC Chair Gregg Rentfrow (AG) to provide a committee report.

    i. *Proposed Name Change of the Department of Engineering Technology to the Fujio Cho Department of Engineering Technology*

The Chair stated that Dean Rudy Buchheit (EN) was the proposer. Rentfrow explained the proposed name change of the Department of Engineering Technology to the Fujio Cho Department of Engineering Technology. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to endorse the proposed name change from of the Department of Engineering Technology to the Fujio Cho Department of Engineering Technology. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

Molly Blasing (AS) asked if there was any information about the opposition from faculty members that opposed the name change in the College of Engineering. Dean Buchheit commented that there was an opportunity for comment, but no negative comments came forward. Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) speculated that some may be opposed to naming departments after people in general and commented that there were lingering challenges regarding the Department of Engineering Technology in general.

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

c. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Leslie Vincent, Chair
The Chair invited SAASC Chair Leslie Vincent (BE) to provide a committee report.

    i. *MS Athletic Training*

The Chair stated that Associate Professor Johanna Hoch (HS) was the proposer but was unable to attend. Associate Dean Karen Badger (HS) and Assistant Professor Carrie Baker were attending in case there were questions. Vincent explained the proposed MS Athletic Training. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to the MS Athletic Training in the Department of Athletic Training and Clinical Nutrition in the College of Health Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate. There was no debate.

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

    ii. *Report on Issue of Homework During Finals Week*

Vincent provided a report on the issue of homework during finals week. The Chair stated the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for the Senate to approve the proposed changes to *SR 5.2.5.7,* as well as the Glossary. 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 discussed the issue of homework during finals week. SC members offered the following questions and comments:

- Whether Saturday and Sunday counted as part of finals week
- If homework could be defined in the *SR*
- Whether the proposal was resilient enough against the differences between the Spring, Fall, Summer, and Winter terms

Vincent clarified that the committee determined that all assignments should be officially due by the last day of classes, but that an instructor could allow an extension so that the student could choose to work on it until the time of the final exam.

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

d. Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Credit Bearing Education Inside and Outside of Colleges - Leslie Vincent, Chair

The Chair invited Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Credit Bearing Education Inside and Outside of Colleges Leslie Vincent (BE) to provide a report to SC members.

iii. *Final Report*

The Chair provided background information on the ad hoc committee. Vincent gave a final report to SC members about non-credit bearing education inside and outside of colleges. The Chair explained the **motion** was a recommendation from the committee for Senate to approve the recommendations in the final report. 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 and guests discussed the information provided Vincent and offered the following questions and comments:

- What the scope of assessment for non-credit bearing activity would be and whether the volume would be too high
- How the Senate would delegate assessment of non-credit bearing activity to the appropriate body
- Associate deans had expressed concerns about the volume that could be involved
- The importance of Senate oversight for non-credit bearing activities especially for protecting the integrity of the University
- Whether this would be a retrospective action for students enrolled in non-credit bearing courses already in progress

Vincent clarified that that no changes could be made on a current cohort unless they elected to, and that time would be provided for any non-credit bearing programs to submit appropriate paperwork. Vincent also noted that if non-credit bearing activity was not associated with a college or an accrediting body, then non-credit bearing activity may not have oversight from a faculty body. The Chair commented that the recommendations from the final report would be tasked to the Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) after approval from the Senate.

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

e. Senate Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (SCDI) - Kevin Pearson, Chair

The Chair invited SCDI Chair Kevin Pearson (ME) to provide a committee report.

i. *Update on Activities*

Pearson provided information to SC members about diversity in the Senate, underrepresented minority data for faculty across the University, SCDI activities, future SCDI meetings and topics of discussion. Pearson commented that there was a lack of student involvement on the committee this year and that the committee was seeking more student perspective. Pearson also commented that SCDI was tasked by Senate to consider the use of "My Old Kentucky

Home" at University athletics events. Pearson noted that after reviewing the *SRs,* such a task was not under the committee's purview.

Faculty Trustee Hollie Swanson (ME) **moved** for SC to request that the Provost include similar data about underrepresented minority data for faculty in his report to the Board of Trustees. Leslie Vincent (BE) **seconded.** The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

SC members discussed the following:

- Disaggregate data for specific colleges would help to capture smaller inequities
- Tenure and non-tenure distribution by percentages would be helpful along with annotations to indicate University efforts to retain faculty
- Other metrics and components that would be beneficial for assessing diversity across the University

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

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2. Degree Lists
   a. Honorary Degrees

The Chair invited University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD) Chair Martha Peterson to provide information about the honorary degree recipient candidate. The Chair reminded everyone present that the information about degree recipients, including honorary degree recipients, is confidential and embargoed until such time that it is announced by the University. Peterson provided information to SC members about the honorary degree recipient candidate.

The Chair stated that although there was a recommendation from the UJCHD, a motion and second were needed from SC, as the UJCHD was not a Senate committee.

Bob Grossman (AS) **moved** for the elected faculty members of SC recommend that Senate approve JR as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Elizabeth Salt (NU) **seconded.** The Chair opened the floor to members for questions of fact and debate.

The Chair reminded SC members that the *SRs* prohibit students, trustees, and ex officio members from voting on any degree list, including honorary degrees. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

5. Senate Meeting Roundtable

The Chair invited SC members to participate in a Senate meeting roundtable. SC members offered the following comments:

- There was a great discussion on safety and the commitment from the Office of the Provost to make faculty safety a priority was appreciated
- It would be good for Acting Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement Sue Nokes, Sarah Lyon (AS), and CELT Director Trey Conatser to talk to SC about the possibility of a faculty Ombud and other options for exploring resources for faculty
- It was clear that there was lack of communication for finding resources

- The Office of Student Success shouldn't necessarily be handling faculty concerns and the Provost area was better suited
- The information provided by the Office of Student Success about where reports for concern about students or safety go was helpful
- There is a lack of information about whether or not colleges were responsible for considering safety and that a better solution was needed for safety considerations, solutions, resources, and training
- Lack of security in buildings was still a concern
- The hybrid nature of the Senate meetings had been very good, and the in-person room used was a significant improvement for engagement compared to the previous location
- Committee chairs were delivering quality information when providing committee reports to Senate
- The conversations had been meaningful in Senate

6. Items from the Floor

Time did not permit for items from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM with **no objections.**

Respectfully submitted by,
DeShana Collett

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

Invited Guests Present: Debra Aaron, Karen Badger, Carrie Baker, Stephanie Bennett, Sheila Brothers, Rudy Buchheit, Katie Cardarelli, Robert DiPaola, Lizzy Hornung, Kevin Pearson, Martha Peterson, Gregg Rentfrow