

Senate Council

Monday, October 2, 2023

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 2, 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 3:00pm. 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 September 25, 2023 and Announcements

The chair informed SC members that no edits were received to the September 25, 2023 minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes from September 25, 2023 **were approved as distributed by unanimous consent**.

The Chair mentioned President Capilouto had reached out to her confirming the work of the Senate and his desire for partnership on the issues raised in the August and September Senate meetings. Among the issues the President mentioned were the employee ombud, sense of belonging among graduate students, and faculty and staff safety.

2. Committee Reports

- a. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC)
 - i. Proposed Change to BSN Nursing

Leslie Vincent, chair of the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee, explained the proposal to change section 10.3.1.1.4.4, the Accelerated BSN Admissions. The Chair stated there was a recommendation from the committee to approve the proposed changes. The Chair explained that the **motion** came from committee and no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There were no questions.

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

- b. Senate Committee on Disability and Accommodation Compliance (SCDAC)
 - i. 2022-23 Annual Report

Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, chair of the Senate Committee on Disability and Accommodation Compliance, gave an update on committee activities for the last year. SC members offered a variety of comments and engaged in a robust discussion about the report.

- c. Senate UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC)
 - i. Policy on Core Course Substitutions

The Chair gave a brief explanation of the Core course substitution policy. Keiko Tanaka (AG), chair of the Senate UK Core Education Committee explained that some editorial changes were made to the policy. Tanaka explained that the Disability Resource Center initiates the process of requesting Core course substitutions, however a committee of three (a representative from the DRC, a UK Core area expert, and the UK Core committee chair) would make the final decision on which course should be used as a substitute. There was extensive discussion, including changing “per” to “consistent with”, adding “appropriate” before designee, and detailing the “interactive process” for appeals. There was also a suggestion that this policy should be made part of the Senate Rules.

Faculty Trustee Aaron Cramer (EN) **motioned** to amend the current motion from recommending approval of the policy to codifying it in the Senate Rules. Bob Grossman (AS) **seconded** the motion.

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

The Chair stated that the new motion on the table was to recommend that the Senate approve the revised policy for UK Core course substitutions and codify it in the Senate Rules.

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

3. Discussion of Excused and Unexcused Absences

The Chair mentioned at the September 25, 2023 meeting the Senate Council agreed to charge an ad hoc committee with reviewing excused and unexcused absences. The Chair stated that the Senate Council will discuss the issue broadly before composing the committee. There was some discussion, including the need to map the extent to which learning outcomes are fulfilled by attendance, and the threshold at which lack of attendance affects a course, regardless of the reason for being absent. The Chair thanked everyone for their input.

4. Tentative Senate Agenda for October 9, 2023

The Chair asked if there were any changes Senate Council members would like to see on the agenda for the October 9, 2023 Senate meeting. Doug Michael (LA) **motioned** to suspend the rules and move agenda item six before agenda item four.

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

5. Vice President Ex Officio Members of Senate- Interpretation

The Chair stated Senate Rule 1.2.2.5 refers to “all other vice presidents” as being ex officio nonvoting members, however there are 15 vice president titles at the University and not all of them are direct reports to the President. The Chair stated she would like a motion to clarify that by “all of vice presidents” the intention is to mean vice presidents who are direct reports to the President. There was lengthy discussion. Bob Grossman (AS) **motioned** to make this clarification, Molly Blasing (AS) **seconded**.

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

6. Senate Meeting Roundtable

The Chair opened the floor to Senate Council members to give their thoughts on the most recent Senate meeting. There were several thoughts expressed, including the wish to push voting items higher on the meeting agenda, as well as thoughts on President Capilouto's uplifting speech.

7. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

The Chair opened the floor for items. There was a brief discussion about quorum and a question was raised of whether there was a Senate committee that deals with sustainability. The Chair stated she will look at whose jurisdiction this would fall under.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm with **no objections**.

Respectfully submitted by,
DeShana Collett

Prepared by Dori Grady on Tuesday, September 26, 2023

SC members present: Bastin, Blasing, Cramer, Davis, Duncan, Hornung, Michael, Reynolds, Salt, Swanson, Tagavi, Takenaka, White

Invited guests present: Sheila Brothers, Gregg Rentfrow, Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, Keiko Tanaka, Leslie Vincent