

# Senate Council

Monday, November 6, 2023

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 6, 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 and if time permits. This will be enforced more rigorously than in the past.

## 1. Minutes from October 30, 2023 and Announcements

The Chair informed SC members that edits were received for the minutes from October 30, 2023. There being no objections, the minutes from October 30, 2023 were **approved by unanimous consent**.

The Chair proposed addressing the action items on the agenda before returning to the Old Business from the October 30, 2023 meeting. Hearing no objections to moving to agenda item three and returning to Old Business later, the Chair proceeded with agenda item three.

## 3. Committee Reports

### a. Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC)- Roger Brown, Chair

#### i. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 3.2.2.2 (“Course Numbering System,” “Exceptions”)

Roger Brown (AG), chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee, provided a brief description of the proposed changes to SR 3.2.2.2. The Chair mentioned section 3.2.2.2.1.2 number one should read “course proposal” as opposed to “course description.” The Chair stated there was a **motion** from committee to approve the proposed changes to SR 3.2.2.2, and because the recommendation came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate.

There was concern voiced over the proposed addition of language in section 3.2.2.2.1.1 ( “or if the instructor does not have a faculty appointment of any kind, or if the instructor is unavailable or unresponsive”) It was mentioned this language is of concern as it could appear to outside entities that the University has instructors teaching classes that are not qualified. Bob Grossman (AS) responded to this, stating there are times when a teaching assistant (TA), who does not have a faculty appointment, is solely responsible for a class. After discussion, Molly Blasing (AS) **moved** to strike the language, “or if the instructor does not have a faculty appointment of any kind, or if the instructor is unavailable or unresponsive” from the proposed changes to SR 3.2.2.2. Akiko Takenaka (AS) **seconded**.

With the floor still open for debate, Grossman again stated the language regarding unavailable or unresponsive instructors was needed because sometimes instructors are, indeed, unavailable or unresponsive. SC members continued to voice concerns, including the vagueness of the “unavailable or unresponsive” language. Grossman offered an **amendment to the motion** to retain “if the instructor is unavailable or unresponsive” in the proposed language. Lizzy Hornung **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with two opposed and one abstained.

The Chair stated the next motion on the floor was to approve the proposed revised amendment, retaining the reference to unavailable/unresponsive and striking the reference to faculty appointment. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

The Chair stated to SC members that the next motion on the floor was a recommendation from committee to approve the proposed changes to SR 3.2.2.2 (“Course Numbering System,” “Exceptions”), as revised, effective immediately (strike faculty appointment and change course description to course proposal). A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with two opposed and one abstained.

#### ii. Proposed Addition of Defined Term (“Faculty of Record”) to Senate Rules

Brown provided a brief description of the proposal and defined the term “faculty of record.” The Chair stated there was a motion from committee to approve the addition of defined term “Faculty of Record” to the SR. Because the recommendation came from committee, no second was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Grossman **moved** to approve the addition of the following language to the proposal:

In those infrequent cases where a proposed undergraduate program (degree, minor, certificate, or badge) is interdisciplinary to the extent that it should be programmatically shared among two or more identified colleges, then the faculty body of the educational unit that will home the program may vote that the Faculty of Record of the proposed program shall be made up of a subset of its members *and* faculty from other colleges who have been asked and have agreed to contribute to the educational goals of the program. If the faculty body of the educational unit so votes, then the program proposal must identify by name the founding members of the Faculty of Record, including the founding director of the program (appointed by the Dean of the College containing the educational unit that homes the program), and describe the circumstances and mechanisms by which faculty may join or exit the Faculty of Record.

Molly Blasing (AS) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There was little discussion. A **vote** was taken on the amendment, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

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

#### b. Senate Committee on Distance and e-Learning (SCDLeL)- Sara Police, Chair

##### i. Proposed change to BA US Culture and Business Practice

Brian Lee (AG), a member of SCDLeL, presented on behalf of Sara Police, chair of SCDLeL. Lee provided a brief description of the proposed change to BA US Culture and Business Practice. The Chair informed SC members there was a recommendation from committee to approve the proposed change to BA US

Culture and Business Practice, and because the recommendation came from committee, no second was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Little discussion took place.

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

#### c. Senate Calendar Committee (SCC)- Richard Charnigo, Chair

##### i. Proposed Establishment of Application Deadline for Summer Admission for International Students

Richard Charnigo (PbH), chair of the SCC, provided a brief description of the proposal for establishment of an application deadline for summer admission for international students. The Chair stated that because this **motion** comes from committee, no second is required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Concern was voiced that the university's International Center wasn't consulted. Grossman **moved** to send the proposal back to committee. Doug Michael (LA) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

#### 4. Proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Attendance Policies

The Chair opened the floor to discuss the charge of the proposed Ad Hoc Committee on Attendance Policies. Some SC members stated they felt it was unnecessary to bring this to Senate. The Chair responded that because there was an open discussion about charging this committee in Senate, she would like to bring it back to them for input. Additionally, an attendee stated that "uniformed services" should be excluded from the charge as the University has no formal definition for this phrase. The Chair responded, stating the inclusion of "uniformed services" is simply keeping in line with the rest of the University of Kentucky's literature and policies.

The Chair handed out a hard copy of potential members for the Ad Hoc Committee on Attendance to SC members and requested they review the list.

#### 5. Tentative Senate Agenda for November 13, 2023

Grossman **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for November 13, 2023. Elizabeth Salt (NU) **seconded**. A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

## 2. Old Business

### a. Campuswide Strategic Plan Initiatives

The Chair stated that President Capilouto had requested the Senate Council provide six nominees for a committee reviewing UK Core by Thursday, November 9, 2023; he would identify three to be appointed. A hard copy of proposed committee membership was distributed to SC members. The Chair opened the floor to SC members for discussion. There was a great deal of concern voiced regarding the inclusion of only three faculty members, as well as the inability for SC to identify their specific representative, instead offering a pool from which the President would choose. The Chair noted that currently the President sends his nominees for Senate committees, as opposed to a model where the President would be asked to send a handful of nominees, from which SC would select one. The Chair noted that SC has expected that level of collaboration to be reciprocated. There was extensive discussion about the committee's composition. The Provost suggested multiple times that it was unnecessary for the SC to ask for more faculty representation on the committee.

Sandra Bastin (AG) **moved** to direct the Chair to convey to President Capilouto that the number of faculty on the committee reviewing UK Core is insufficient and the committee needs additional faculty representation. Kaveh Tagavi (EN) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with one opposed and none abstained.

The Chair informed SC members she would like them to take time over the next few days to consider the names that were distributed. The Chair reminded SC members that nominees must be provided to President Capilouto by Thursday, November 9, 2023.

#### 6. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

Time did not permit for items from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by,

DeShana Collett

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SC members present: Sandra Bastin, Molly Blasing, Aaron Cramer, Olivia Davis, Bob Grossman, Lizzie Hornung, Doug Michael, Elizabeth Salt, Hollie Swanson, Kaveh Tagavi, Akiko Takenaka, Kiersten White

Invited guests present: Sheila Brothers, Robert DiPaola, Gregg Rentfrow