

# Senate Council

Monday, January 29, 2024

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, January 29, 2024, 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 an open meeting and would be conducted as such. 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. A test vote was held, and 11 votes were recorded. 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.

## 1. Minutes from January 22, 2024 and Announcements

The Chair informed SC members that minor clerical edits were made to the minutes from January 22, 2024. There being no objections, the minutes from January 22, 2024 were **approved as edited by unanimous consent**.

The Chair reminded SC members to remain up to date on current Kentucky legislative changes and shared that if they would like to voice concerns to President Capilouto, he was open to receiving their concerns directly. The Chair informed SC members if they were not comfortable with contacting the President directly, she would relay any concerns to him.

## 2. Committee Reports

### a. Senate Nominating Committee (SNC)- Joe Sottile, Chair

#### i. Nominees for Vacancy on Academic Area Advisory Committee for the Humanities and Arts

Joe Sottile (EN), chair of the Senate Nominating Committee, informed SC members the committee had provided four nominees for the vacancy on Academic Area Advisory Committee for the Humanities and Arts. Sottile provided a review of the four nominees, stating the committee had limited their selections to faculty in departments that are under the Advisory Committee for the Humanities and Arts and not currently represented on the committee.

The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor for the SC to approve the eligible nominees for Vacancy of Academic Area Advisory Committee for the Humanities and Arts on behalf of the Senate. The Chair explained that, because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate.

SC members had several questions regarding the nominees.

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

### b. Graduate Council- Padraic Kenney, Chair

### i. Proposed Change to GS 757/767

Padraic Kenney (GS), chair of the Graduate Council, provided a thorough review of the proposed changes, which included changes to SR 3.2.3.3.6, SR 3.2.3.3.7, and the introduction of a new course, GS 757.

The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor for the SC to recommend Senate approve the proposed changes to SR 3.2.3.3.6, SR 3.2.3.3.7, and the accompanying changes to GS 757/767. The Chair explained that, because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate.

SC members voiced numerous concerns about the proposal and asked many questions. These included:

- Concern over students' access to tuition assistance when required to take nine credit hours
- A suggestion to require students to have scheduled their pre-qualifying exam prior to registering for GS 757
- Concern over lack of clear procedures for when a student enrolled in GS 757 either a) doesn't take their pre-qualifying exam or b) fails their pre-qualifying exam
- A suggestion to implement an appeal process for situations where it wouldn't be appropriate for the student to take nine credit hours the following semester

Many members expressed their wishes that this proposal be returned to the Graduate Council. Kaveh Tagavi (EN) **moved** to postpone approval of the proposed changes to SR 3.2.3.3.6, SR 3.2.3.3.7, and the accompanying changes to GS 757/767 to provide the Graduate Council with time to review the suggestions made by SC members and make edits to the proposal. Leslie Vincent (BE) **seconded**.

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 introduced Leslie Vincent (BE), Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee chair and Scott Yost (EN), Admissions Subcommittee chair.

#### i. Proposed Changes to MS Statistics

The Chair introduced the proposer, Katherine Thompson (AS). Vincent provided a brief description of the proposed changes to MS Statistics, as well as rationale behind the changes.

The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend the Senate approve the proposed changes to MS Statistics. The Chair explained that, because this motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There was little discussion.

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

#### ii. Proposed Changes to PhD Statistics

Vincent provided a brief description of the proposed changes as well as a rationale behind the changes.

The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor for the SC to recommend Senate approve the proposed changes to PhD Statistics, and explained that, because the motion came from committee, no

**second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There was no discussion.

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

### iii. Proposed Changes to BSCPT Computer Engineering Technology

The Chair introduced the proposer, Philip Lee (EN). Vincent turned the floor to Yost, Admissions Subcommittee chair. Yost provided a brief explanation and rationale for the proposed changes to BSCPT Computer Engineering Technology.

The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor for the SC to recommend Senate approve the proposed changes to PhD Statistics, and explained that, because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. There was no discussion.

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

Yost informed SC several programs had started remotely without the approval of the University Senate, and cautioned against this. The Chair suggested SC could discuss this at the next yearly SC retreat.

### d. Senate UK Core Committee- Keiko Tanaka, Chair

#### i. UK Core Policies on Subtitled Courses

The Chair introduced Keiko Tanaka (AG), Senate UK Core Committee chair. Tanaka provided a thorough review of the Senate UK Core Committee's proposed policy for subtitled courses. This policy included allowing Lewis Honors College to review subtitled syllabi, imposing the responsibility of ensuring subtitled courses align with UK Core on the college itself.

The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor for SC to recommend Senate approve the SUKCEC proposed policy on subtitled courses, and explained that, because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate.

SC members had many questions and voiced many concerns, including:

- Hesitancy at delegating review of courses to the individual college
- Clarification that Honors students are not required to take Honors Core courses
- A suggestion of creating a fast-track review system for Core classes
- A suggestion to implement a rule that all subtitle required syllabi be reviewed a semester prior to when they are to be offered
- A suggestion that a representative from Lewis Honors College be consulted and present during discussions

Doug Michael (LA) moved to postpone approval of the proposed UK Core policy on subtitled courses and refer to the Senate UK Core Committee. Tagavi **seconded**.

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

### 3. Discussion on Membership for Committee on Attendance Policies

The Chair reminded members they were tasked with forming an Ad Hoc Committee on attendance policies and had received feedback from Senators on who to include in the committee. The Chair listed proposed members for the committee and opened the floor for input. SC members provided several suggestions, which included adding a second SC member to the committee and having one of those SC members act as liaison between the committee and SC, as well as adding a student member, a representative from Student Success, and a representative from the Disability Resource Center.

#### 4. Items from the Floor

There were no 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, Jennifer Cramer, Olivia Davis, Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, Lizzy Hornung, Sami Jones, Doug Michael, Justin Nichols, Hollie Swanson, Kaveh Tagavi, Akiko Takenaka, Leslie Vincent, Kiersten White

Invited guests present: Bob DiPaola, Padraic Kenney, Philip Lee, Gregg Rentfrow, Joe Sottile, Keiko Tanaka, Katherine Thompson, Scott Yost