

# Senate Council

Monday, March 11, 2024

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 11, 2024, via Zoom. 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. 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 March 4, 2024 and Announcements

The Chair informed SC members that no edits were received to the March 11, 2024 minutes. There being no objections, the minutes from March 4, 2024 were **approved as distributed by unanimous consent**.

## 2. Committee Recommendations

### a. Distance Learning and e-Learning Committee (DLeL)- Sara Police, Chair

#### i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Rural Health and Wellbeing

Sara Police (ME), Distance Learning and e-Learning Committee chair, provided a brief review of the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Rural Health and Wellbeing. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend the Senate approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Rural Health and Wellbeing, and because the 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 one opposed and none abstained.

#### ii. Proposed Change to MS Supply Chain Management

Police provided an overview of the proposed change to MS Supply Chain Management, including a rationale for the proposed change. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend the Senate approve the proposed change to MS Supply Chain Management, and because the 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.

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

#### i. Proposed Changes to BS in Career and Technical Education

Leslie Vincent (BE), Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee chair, provided a review of the proposed changes to BS in Career and Technical Education, including a rationale for the proposed changes. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend the Senate approve the proposed changes to the BS in Career and Technical Education, and because the 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 SR 6.1.2.1 (“Required Syllabi Components”)

Vincent provided a brief review of the proposed changes to SR 6.1.2.1 (“Required Syllabi Components”), including the rationale behind the proposed change. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend the Senate approve the proposed changes to SR 6.1.2.1 (“Required Syllabi Components”), and because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Several questions were asked. The vote was postponed until the proposer entered the meeting.

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

##### i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies

Sandra Bastin (AG), Senate Academic Programs Committee chair, provided a brief review of the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies. The Chair stated there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend Senate approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies, and because the 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.

#### 3. Proposed Change to SR 6.2.1.4 (“Statute of Limitations”)

The Chair introduced Associate Academic Ombud Laura Anschel. Anschel provided a review of the proposed changes as well as the rationale behind them. Anschel informed SC members this change would allow the academic ombud to review cases after the current 180 day limit. Molly Blasing (AS) **moved** to recommend Senate approve the proposed changes to SR 6.2.1.4 (“Statute of Limitations”). Leslie Vincent (BE) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. Several questions were asked. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

#### 4. Call for Honorary Degree Nominees

The Chair informed SC members that both her and Bastin, SC Vice-Chair, were members of the committee for honorary degrees. The Chair yielded the floor to Bastin. Bastin provided a description of honorary degrees, including the necessary qualifications. Bastin informed SC members of the website on honorary degrees and encouraged SC members to submit nominations.

#### 5. Ombud Reappointment

The Chair informed SC members that, per SR 6.2.3., the Academic Ombud may be reappointed to a second term if the Provost and Senate Council concur. She continued that, the rules require that reappointment for a third term shall go through the normal search process. The current Academic Ombud, Alice Turkington (AS) was eligible for reappointment for a second term and had expressed interest in reappointment. The Chair informed SC members that she had received a letter from the Provost expressing his support. Doug Michael (LA) **moved** to approve the reappointment of Dr. Alice Turkington for a second term as Academic Ombud. Molly Blasing (AS) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. A SC member voiced their strong support of the reappointment. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

## 6. Resolution from March 4, 2024 Senate Council Meeting

The Chair informed SC members that a draft of the resolution from the March 4, 2024 had been sent to them. She stated that SC would review and revise the resolution, and the full resolution would be sent to President Capilouto before it would be made widely available. The Chair opened the floor for revisions. SC members listed several revisions they would like made to the resolution. Jennifer Cramer (AS) **moved** to approve the edited resolution from the March 4, 2024 SC meeting. Akiko Takenaka (AS) **seconded**. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

## 7. Tentative Senate Agenda for March 18, 2024

The Chair suggested to SC members that several items of the tentative agenda could be moved to the consent agenda. SC members discussed the addition of several items to the consent agenda.

### 2. Committee Recommendations

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

##### ii. Proposed Changes to SR 6.1.2.1 (“Required Syllabi Components”)

The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate regarding the proposed changes to SR 6.1.2.1 (“Required Syllabi Components”). SC members expressed several concerns regarding the specific resources listed in the proposed change, suggesting that the SR should be more general to accommodate for changes to available resources in the future. A suggestion was made that, if the SR is left more broad, the syllabus template created by the Senate Council Office would have the current specific resource. Jennifer Cramer (AS) **moved** to amend the proposed language of item number 26 to “.... From 988 and current triage and mental health resources.” Doug Michael (LA) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor for further questions of fact or debate. SC members engaged in some further discussion. A hand **vote** was taken to approve the amended language, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained. The Chair repeated the revised language for those present. A **vote** was taken to recommend Senate approve the proposed changes to SR 6.1.2.1 (“Required Syllabi Components”) as amended, and the motion **passed** with one opposed and none abstained.

## 7. Tentative Senate Agenda for March 18, 2024

Leslie Vincent (BE) **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for March 18, 2024. Akiko Takenaka (AS) **seconded**. The Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. SC members had little discussion. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

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

There were no items.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by,

DeShana Collett

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SC members present: Hubie Ballard, Sandra Bastin, Molly Blasing, DeShana Collett, Jennifer Cramer, Olivia Davis, Cassie Gipson-Reichardt, Doug Michael, Justin Nichols, Akiko Takenaka, Leslie Vincent, Kiersten White

Invited guests present: Laura Anshel, Kalea Benner, Julie Cerel, Robert DiPaola, Davy Jones, Ann Kingsolver, Sara Police, Gregg Rentfrow, Haoying Sun