

Senate Council

Monday, April 1, 2024

The Senate Council met in regular sessions at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 1, 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 Vice Chair, Sandra Bastin, called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The Vice 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 Vice Chair asked SC members to be ready to vote via Poll Everywhere. The Vice Chair reminded SC members that regarding the ability to speak, members must raise their hand to be called upon. The Vice 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 25, 2024, and Announcements

The Vice Chair informed SC members that no edits were received to the March 25, 2024, minutes. There being no objections, the minutes from March 25, 2024, were **approved as distributed by unanimous consent**.

The Vice Chair announced that the Senate Council Retreat will be held May 13, 14 or 17 and that the call for Outstanding Senator Award nominations would go out after today's SC meeting.

2. Committee Recommendations

a. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards (SAASC) - Leslie Vincent, Chair

i. Proposed change to BS Biomedical Engineering (Curriculum)

Leslie Vincent (SAASC), Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Chair, provided a brief overview of the proposed change to BS Biomedical Engineering. The Vice Chair stated that there was a motion on the floor to recommend the Senate approve the proposed change to BS Biomedical Engineering, and because the motion came from Committee, no second was required. The Vice Chair opened the floor to questions of fact or debate. A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and none abstained.

ii. Proposed change to BAEDU – Special Education-Learning and Behavior Disorders (Curriculum)

Leslie Vincent (SAASC), Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Chair, provided a brief overview of the proposed change to BAEDU – Special-Education and Behavior Disorders. The Vice Chair stated that there was a motion on the floor to recommend the Senate approve the proposed change to BAEDU – Special Education-Learning and Behavior

Disorders and because the motion came from committee, no second was required. The Vice Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. A discussion ensued clarifying the inclusion of “elementary education” in the degree name does not preclude the degree being available and helpful for educators of P-12 students. A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

iii. Proposed change to BS Forestry ([Curriculog](#))

Leslie Vincent (SAASC), Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Chair, provided a brief overview of the proposed change to BS Forestry which would affect the core requirements and movement of courses. The Vice Chair stated that there was a motion to approve the proposed change to BS Forestry, and because the motion came from committee, no second was required. The Vice Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and none abstained.

b. Senate Rules and Elections (SRAC) - Roger Brown

i. Proposed policy for waiving of course requirements ([PDF](#))

The waiver was proposed by Roger Brown (SRAC) and he delineated that the proposed Senate Rule change would allow waiver of a course prerequisite in cases where no other waiver option is specified. In those cases, the prerequisite could be waived on a student case-by-case basis if the faculty body responsible for the course has established and posted policies regarding the granting of waivers of prerequisites for the course. The Vice Chair opened the floor to questions of fact or debate.

Senate Council members suggested that the proposed waiver be posted in a prominent place beyond the department website and requested that there be a better mechanism for making the information accessible to students and their advisors. It was asserted that the waiver should be the least restrictive as possible while allowing for good judgement.

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

3. Degree Recipients

a. May 2024 In Memoriam Degree List

Leslie Vincent (BE) moved to recommend the Senate approve the May 2024 In Memoriam Degree List, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Molly Blasing (AS) **seconded**.

A distinction was made between a posthumous degree for which the student had satisfied all criteria for graduation and an in memorium degree for which the student had not fulfilled all graduation requirements.

A vote was taken with only elected faculty members voting, and the motion was **approved** with none opposed and none abstained.

4. [Tentative Senate Agenda for April 8, 2024 \(PDF\)](#)

Molly Blasing (AS) moved to approve the tentative Senate agenda for April 8, 2024. Akiko Takenaka (AS) seconded. The Vice Chair opened the floor for questions of fact or debate. SC discussed having specific recommendation verbiage for the Ad Hoc Teaching Course Evaluation Committee report before presenting it to University Senate. A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and none abstained.

5. [Items from the floor](#)

Associate Professor Greg Erhardt (EN) presented a document to SC members outlining suggested Faculty Principles regarding Shared Governance. SC members suggested adjustments and realigning the Principles to correlate with the President's proposal. Molly Blasing (AS) will collaborate with Assoc. Professor Erhardt to incorporate SC feedback and suggestions to be presented at the April 8, 2024, University Senate meeting for discussion and voting. Molly Blasing (AS) motioned to reopen the April 8, 2024 Senate Agenda. Jennifer Cramer (AS) seconded. Kiersten White (SGA) requested that the full text of the resolution be provided to Senate Council members for review ahead of its inclusion on the agenda. A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained. The Faculty Principles will be added as item 6 on the University Senate agenda.

The Vice Chair advised SC members that the degree list closed April 1 and would be available for viewing on April 3 and, if there is no objection by 6:00 PM on that day, the recommended approval will move forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Bastin

Prepared by Jeanne Mifflin on April 2, 2024

Present: Sandra Bastin, Molly Blasing, DeShana Collett, Jennifer Cramer, Olivia Davis, Cassandra Gipson-Reichardt, Douglas Michael, Justin Nichols, Kaveh Tagavi, Akiko Takenaka, Leslie Vincent, Lizzy Hornung, Sami Jones, Kiersten White, Hollie Swanson, Hubert Ballard, Gregg Rentfrow

Visitors: Robert DiPaolo, Katherine McCormick, Davy Jones, Roger Brown, Lisa Tannock, Susan Cantrell, Monica Udvardy, Kera Ackerman, Robert Grossman, Monica Kast, Britt Morgan, Kim Anderson, Greg Erhardt, Kristine Harper