Senate Council

Monday, April 22, 2024

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 22, 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 3:00 PM. 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 and a test vote was performed. 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 April 15, 2024 and Announcements

The Chair informed SC members that no edits were received for the minutes from April 15, 2024. There being no objections, the minutes from April 15, 2024, were **approved as distributed by unanimous consent**.

The Senate Council Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, the location is not yet determined.

2. Committee Recommendations

a. Senate Distance Learning and e-Learning Committee (SCDLeL) - Sara Police, Chair
i. Proposed new Graduate Certificate in Arts Emergency Management (Curriculog)

Sara Police (ME) gave an overview of the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Arts Emergency Management. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend Senate approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Arts Emergency Management, and because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to questions of fact or debate. A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

ii. Proposed new Graduate Certificate in Creative Social Entrepreneurship

Sara Police (ME) gave an overview of the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Creative Social Entrepreneurship. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend Senate approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Creative Social Entrepreneurship, and because

the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to questions of fact or debate.   A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

iii. Proposed new Graduate Certificate in Taxation

Sara Police (ME) gave an overview of the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Taxation. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend Senate approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Taxation, and because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to questions of fact or debate.   A vote was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed or abstained.

b. UK Core Education Committee (SUKCEC) - Keiko Tenaka, Chair
i. Proposed UK Core Course Proposal Process

Keiko Tenaka (AG) explained that the proposed UK Core Syllabus, Core Items to be Added to the Curriculum Form, and Senate UK Core Education Committee Course Proposal Checklist were combined into the UK Core Proposal Process proposal. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend Senate approve the proposed UK Core Proposal Process proposal, and because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to questions of fact or debate. Few questions were asked. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and none abstained.

a. Proposed UK Core Syllabus Template

Keiko Tenaka (AG) gave an overview of the Proposed UK Core Syllabus Template.

b. Proposed Core Items to be Added to the Curriculum Form

Keiko Tenaka (AG) gave an overview of the Proposed Core Items to be Added to the Curriculum Form.

c. Proposed Senate UK Core Education Committee Course Proposal Checklist

Keiko Tenaka (AG) gave an overview of the Proposed Senate UK Core Education Committee Course Proposal Checklist.

ii. Proposed Policy on UK Core Subtitle Required Courses

Keiko Tenaka (AG) gave an overview of the proposed policy on UK Core Subtitle Required Courses. The Chair stated that there was a **motion** on the floor to recommend Senate approve the proposed policy on UK Core Subtitle Required Courses, and because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. The Chair opened the floor to questions of fact or debate. Few questions were asked. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

3. UK Association of Emeriti Faculty position on the abolition of the University Senate

The Chair opened the floor to SC members for thoughts regarding the unsolicited letter provided by the UK Association of Emeriti Faculty. SC members voiced concerns and questions, including:

- Can this be published to increase awareness of this powerful letter?
- Will lack of faculty governance impact donor's interest in donating to UK?
- The letter comes from 200 emeritus faculty; however, it is unsigned. Can the letter be modified to include a signature?

4. Retreat Discussion Topics

The Chair opened the floor to SC members for ideas for the upcoming Senate Council Retreat. SC members voiced ideas including:

- The process a faculty proposal goes through from formulation to impacting students in the classroom.
- The future of the University Senate.
- Approve the President's Advisory Committee list.
- The transition period between the current ARs, GRs, and SRs and the new ARs and GRs.
- Introduction to University Senate terms, structure, and process for students and new members.

5. Items from the Floor

The Chair opened the floor for items. SC members voiced many concerns and questions regarding President Capilouto's recent email and suggested ARs and GRs, including:

- The Board has authority of the GRs; the President promulgates the ARs. Any faculty input R revisions Moving current GRs to ARs shifts authority from the Board to the President, which is in conflict of GR I.A stating the Board of Trustees holds the final authority for the University.
- What is the Board of Trustees' role in the mission of the University? Is there a KRS regarding Board responsibility? Why are the University Vision, Mission, and Values shifting from GR I to Administrative Regulation – Significant Policies?
- The definition and scope of Faculty Senate is shorter than expected, many critical components are missing.
- The narrative throughout the process has been the faculty will write the rules for the Faculty Senate; this is not mentioned in the revised documents. Requested faculty trustees to include this concern in the April Board of Trustees' meeting.
- There is no shared governance.
- More authority at the college level can result in proposals remaining at the College level a prolonged period.

- The proposed rules regarding University organization means academic units may be changed, closed, and/or merged without any faculty consultation.
- There is no reference to Senate Rules, these provide framework for processes and rules for consistency across the University, mostly to protect students. Having rules at the college instead of university level will have significant consequences for students, potential students, parents, and community partners.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by,

DeShana Collett
Chair of University Senate Council

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Present: 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, Hollie Swanson, Hubert Ballard, Gregg Rentfrow

Visitors: Robert DiPaolo, Davy Jones, Roger Brown, Lisa Tannock, Kristine Harper, Courtney McCalla, Britt Morgan, Leah Hamilton, Rachel Shane, Keiko Tanaka

Commented [JM1]: Not sure if attended - will check Zoom attendance