

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL
28 January 2002

The Senate Council met at 3:00 p.m. in The Gallery, W.T. Young Library, and took the following actions"

1. Introductions and Welcome

Chair Fortune introduced the newly elected Senate Council members, Ernie Bailey, Veterinary Science; Liz Debski, Biological Sciences; and Peggy Saunier, LCC. A warm welcome was accorded the three. They will set a time after the meeting to get together with the Chair for an orientation session.

2. Minutes

The Senate Council minutes of 19 and 26 November and 10 December were accepted as circulated.

3. #872-A Islamic Studies: Janecek, Harling

Brief background was offered by the Chair. Comments were invited. Janecek announced that the Department had been given the "go ahead" to begin a search for a full-time senior person. This responded to an earlier concern expressed by the Council. Harling pointed out that the same provisions would apply to the Islamic Studies Minor as had been agreed upon with the Indian Studies Minor. Fortune read those provisions from Harley's memo. Discussion followed.

On motion by Debski and second by Molinaro, the proposal was approved for circulation to the Senate with the provisos outlined in Harling's memo. The provisos are not to be included in the circulated proposal. Harling agreed to draft an assessment agreement. Implementation is to be spring: 2002. The proposal will be sent to the Senate for final approval on a ten-day notice.

4. Enrollment Management: College of Communication and Information Systems

Chair Fortune offered brief background on this item. Fortune read from the Senate minutes of December 7, 1987, and called attention to Communication College Dean Johnson's memo of January 18, requesting that the College admission rules be waived to facilitate a change in the GPA requirement for the upcoming year, until a long-term resolution can be brought about.

Following discussion, and on motion by Durant and second by Molinaro, the Senate Council agreed to put the Communication College's request on the University Senate agenda as a rule waiver, without recommendation. The rule waiver is to be for one year. The Council directed the Chair to ask that the proposal for a long-term change be sent to the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee for its review. Motion passed.

The Chair will prepare an agenda item for the Senate's consideration on February 11.th

5. First Year Committee, Graduation Contract

Fortune announced that Provost Nietzel has directed that a "First Year" Committee be formed. Included in that study, or as a subcommittee of that Committee, will be a task force to look at the graduation contract issue. Phil Kraemer will Chair the First Year Committee. Jeff Dembo and Tony Stoeppel will be members of that Committee. Serving as a subcommittee to study the graduation contract will be Ray Fogue, HES; David Bettez, International Affairs; Bill Thom, Agriculture; Kathi Kern, A&S; Enid Waldhart, Communication; and Jake Gibbs, LCC.

6. Kristina Krampe, Project Director, Web Site Designated to Answer Questions about Accommodating Students with Disabilities

Chair Fortune introduced Ms. Krampe and invited her comments, following which the Council agreed to have Ms. Krampe make a 10-15 minute presentation to the Senate on the 11th of February. The Council thanked her and she then departed.

7. Student Petitions and Rule Waivers:

a. Fine Arts, "I" Grade: On motion by Durant and second by Debski, the Senate Council approved the rule waiver. The parties will be notified.

b. A&S, Repeat Option: On motion by Mather and second by Waldhart, the Senate Council approved the rule waiver. The parties will be notified.

c. A&S, Bankruptcy: On motion by Durant and second by Waldhart and Kennedy, the Senate Council approved the rule waiver. The parties will be notified. As an aside, the Chair noted that the Rules Committee has interpreted that the intent of the rule is that all twelve hours a student must take before being eligible to apply for bankruptcy must be taken for a letter grade.

d. A&S Reinstatement: On motion by Durant and second by Bailey, the Senate Council approved the student's reinstatement. All the parties will be notified.

8. A&S Re-organization, Foreign Languages -

The Chair announced that A&S is reorganizing and one step in that process is to consolidate the foreign language departments (excepting Spanish). The Academic Organization and Structure Committee will consider it and have a proposal ready for Senate consideration in March or April. This is an effort to save money by merging all departments except Spanish into one.

9. Class Average Notation on the Transcript

The Chair made brief note of this item, and the Council directed it be carried over to the meeting on the 18th.

10. #877--Curriculum Change for Clinical Laboratory Science BHS Degree

Discussion and action postponed to the SC meeting on the 18th.

10. Reporting Line of the VP for Research
Fortune has discussed the issue with Lee Todd. The search for the permanent VP for Research has begun but the reporting line has not been made clear.
11. Senate Council Committee on Committees
The following agreed to serve: Dembo, Debski, Canon, Molinaro, Fortune and Bailey. The group will get together after the meeting to set up a meeting time.
12. US Agenda - February 11, 2002
The Chair went over the agenda, which includes the proposed rule waiver in the Communications College, a presentation by Phyllis Nash on the Top Twenty Committee's findings thus far, and the report by Kristina Krampe on the disability website.
13. Student Code Issues
Chair Fortune said questions had been raised when proposed revisions to the Code were circulated. Several examples were given. The proposed revisions have been put on hold. It was agreed that when a group re-convenes to consider changes in the Code that a person from LCC be included. Chair Fortune asked Jeff Dembo to take the initiative on this issue.
14. #855--Rationale for FAM 251 and FAM 253 - actions by USP
On motion by Waldhart and second by Mather, the actions on FAM 251 & 253 were accepted by the Senate Council for circulation and approval by the University Senate.
15. Fortune's meeting with Representatives from Western Kentucky re: Joint Engineering Programs between UK and Western Barbara Burch, Frieda Eggleton, Fortune, et al
The group met in Bowling Green and considered the issues that had been raised earlier by the Council relative to the Senate's role in the proposed Joint Engineering programs. As a result of the meeting at Western, Fortune reported that the programs and admissions criteria will be approved by UK's Senate. The rest (including rules applying to class attendance, calendars, incomplete grades, etc.) will be administered by Western. Frieda Eggleton, Western's Registrar, has agreed to attend the UK Senate meeting where the programs and admissions standards are considered so that she can respond to questions.
16. Admissions and Academic Standards Committee Meeting: February 1, 11-12:30
In Chair Fortune's absence, Peggy Saunier and Josh Proffitt agreed to represent the Senate Council.
17. Agenda for the February 4 Meeting with President Todd
The following items were suggested for discussion:
 - a. Student enrollment issues
 - b. Update on organizational structure and searches; are we still on track toward a Provost system?
 - c. Naming of faculty representatives to the Athletics and Hospital Boards. The Council agreed that several names could be submitted for each position.

- d. graduation contract
- e. use of Administration Building
- f. plans to meet budget shortfalls
- g. town/gown plan
- h. SC relationship - on consulting with him and the Provost [as a separate issue, a regular meeting with the Provost was suggested, perhaps for the 25th of February]

David Durant will write these ideas up and take to President Todd.

18. Special Meeting of the Senate

The Council directed the Chair to tentatively schedule a special meeting of the Senate on April 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Fortune
Chair

Present: Debski, Molinaro, Proffitt, Stoepfel, Edgerton, Saunier, Durant, Kennedy, Bailey, Fortune, Waldhart, Mather and guests Janecek and Harling

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