

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL
10 December 2001

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

1. Minutes
The Senate Council minutes of 19 and 26 November will be circulated for consideration at the next meeting.
2. Breakfast with Local Legislative Delegation and members of RCTF:
Chair Fortune reminded Council members of the upcoming breakfast meeting scheduled for December 18th at 7:30 a.m. in the Faculty Club. He noted Dan Stone had agreed to attend, and asked for additional suggestions for guests from the RCTF ranks. The Council suggested Fortune contact David Snowdon, and then ask Jim Boling to suggest others. An e-mail reminder will be sent to the members of the Senate Council.
3. Proposal to amend University Senate Rules Section I - 1.2.2.2 , Elected Student Membership, C. Terms; Vacancies
The recently approved proposal to modify student membership rules (terms; vacancies on the Senate) will go to the Board on December 11 for a first reading. If there are no objections, the GR will be finalized by the Board on January 22 and implemented for the Spring Semester, 2002.
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2002-2003:
Jeff Dembo and Mary Molinaro were elected Chair (Dembo) and Vice Chair (Molinaro) by acclamation. Warm congratulations were accorded both. Chair Fortune will notify the President and their respective deans.
5. Rule Waiver:
Following brief discussion and on motion by Waldhart and second by Wells, the enrollment requirement was waived to enable the student to file a repeat option. There were two dissenting votes. The Chair will notify all the parties.
6. #876--Proposal from C. Ruder, D. Rowland, et al, to change program approval process: Dan Rowland
The Chair introduced Dan Rowland and invited his comments. Rowland spoke to the issues spelled out in the proposal. Following discussion, the Council directed the Chair to refer the proposal to Phyllis Nash and her committee for their consideration. It was further directed that the Chair's correspondence note that the Council did not take a position one way or the other, but that strong arguments were made on both sides.

If adopted, safeguards were urged and a provision to include administrative input encouraged.

7. Graduation Contract: Tony Stoeppel

Mr. Stoeppel made a PowerPoint presentation on "Comparison of Graduation Contracts." Stoeppel prepared a handout to accompany the presentation. He invited questions and suggestions.

Following the presentation and discussion, the Council agreed the plan should be presented to the Senate on January 14th. Stoeppel will make a brief visual presentation (4-6 slides), emphasizing theory rather than specifics. A paper copy will be sent out with the Senate packets or distributed at the meeting. The Senate will be asked to vote on the establishment of a representative task force to work together to devise a plan. [If approved, Enid Waldhart agreed to be the Senate Council representative on the proposed task force.]

8. #872--Islamic Minor

Chair Fortune offered brief background on this item, and handed out e-mail comments from Hans Gesund, a member of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee. Fortune noted that the College agreed to the same caveats as were placed on the Indian Studies Minor. He also reported that he had asked Legal Counsel to write an opinion on the University's obligations relative to offering a minor. Discussion of the proposed minor followed. Questions were raised that remained unanswered. It was moved [Canon; Kennedy] to postpone consideration of the program until the next meeting. Motion passed. The Chair will distribute all additional information on the program and invite Harling and Janecek to attend the SC meeting on January 28th.

9. #873--Blandford's Report

Chair Fortune offered brief background on this item, noting the divisions of the report: pages 3-5, 5-6, 7-11 and 12 were considered and acted on as follows:

On motion by Canon and second by Dembo, the Council voted to send forward with a positive recommendation all items on pages 3-5 and 7-11 except item 4.2.5.5 on page five, which is to be deleted. These will be prepared for Senate consideration on 14 January.

On motion by Canon and second by Molinaro, the Council agreed to send forward the items listed on pages 5-6 with the following stipulations:

1. Change the grade "U" to "UN" to differentiate between the general "U" grade and the "U" grade in the College of Medicine.

2. In both 5.1.3.3 and 5.1.3.4, change the proposed wording in lines 2-3 as follows: "...credit-bearing seminars, independent work courses or research courses, if these courses extend beyond the normal limits of a semester or summer term."

3. In item 5.1.3.4, delete the parenthetical at the end of the section.

The Chair will alert George Blandford and Cleo Price to the changes and prepare the proposals for Senate consideration on the 14th.

Attachment #2, page 12, dual degree programs: Amended to delete "B" and to re-letter remaining citations. Motion to approve as amended was made [Dembo; Kennedy] and passed. The proposal will be prepared for Senate consideration on the 14th of January.

Attachment #3, page 13, Graduate Certificates: The Council voted to return to Admissions and Academic Standards with a request that they include a waiver of the GRE requirements for faculty with terminal or professional degrees. (See lines 3-4, item 1.) The Chair will return the proposal to Blandford.

10. #871--Committee that recommends various Board candidates to the Governor:
Chair Fortune reported that at its last meeting, COSFL agreed to serve as agent. The Council concurred. The Chair will notify Davy Jones.
11. Ombuds Search Committee:
The Chair announced that Larry Grabau agreed to chair the search(es). Two faculty nominated by the Senate Council are Gretchen LaGodna and Russ Groves. The Chair will ascertain their willingness to serve. If either cannot serve, the Chair was directed to invite Lee Edgerton to serve on the Search Committee. A reminder will be sent to Tim Robinson asking for student names.
12. Vice President for Research: Reporting line (Provost or President)
Chair Fortune called on Loys Mather for background on this item. Mather commented, noting a need to clarify the reporting lines prior to beginning a formal search for a person to fill the position. Discussion followed.

On motion by Waldhart and second by Molinaro, the Chair was directed to write to President Todd suggesting that the VP for Research report directly to the Provost with "consultation"* with the President remaining available. The Council further directed that the letter to Todd urge that all reporting relationships in administrative research positions in the University be clarified prior to beginning the search process.

*interpretation of the dotted line in the organizational charts

13. #874--EXP 397
On motion by Pomeroy and second by Edgerton, the Council approved the proposed new pass-fail course for Spring 2002 implementation. It will be transmitted on a ten-day circular.
14. #875--University Scholars with Natural Resource Conservation
Fortune asked the Council to take a look at the four proposals in the next week and to let him know if there were any objections. If no objections are received, he will assume approval and send the proposals to the Senate on a ten-day circular.
15. Committee Reports a regular Senate agenda item:
Good idea. Start doing.
16. Next Meeting:
28 January 2002.
17. Presentations and Acknowledgements: Outgoing Senate Council Members Canon, Coulston, Wells
Chair Fortune presented Canon, Coulston and Wells with a heartfelt memento, and graciously acknowledged their outstanding service on the Senate Council for the past three years. A warm round of applause was accorded all.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Fortune
Chair, Senate Council

Present: Molinaro, Waldhart, Edgerton, Wells, Stoepfel, Coulston, Dembo, Kennedy, Canon, Pomeroy, Mather, Fortune, and guest Dan Rowland