

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL
4 February 2002

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

1. Discussion with President Todd

The Chair announced that he had spoken briefly with the President earlier in the afternoon and that Fortune suspected the President would not finish his business with the Athletics oversight/review committee in time to join the Council for a discussion. The 25th of February was established as an alternate date.

2. Latin Studies Graduate Certificate:

Fortune offered background on this item, noting he had spoken with Terence Tunberg, Acting Chair of the Classics Department. Following brief discussion and on motion by Durant and second by Dembo, the proposal was approved for circulation. It will be posted to the website and notification sent to the Senate.

2. Enrollment Data Handout

The College profiles were distributed and discussed. No action was requested or taken. Several of the concerns expressed were suggested as topics for discussion with the Provost [see 4c below]. Those included the potential "collision course" of enrollment management and selective admissions.

3. Futures Committee Report:

The Council directed that Chair Fortune make the 4 March Senate meeting available for the Futures Committee report presentation and discussion.

4. Announcements:

a. Chair's Report on CPE meeting earlier in the day: Discussion included the "Bonds for Brains" program. Two RCTF faculty from UK and two from UofL were there to make presentations, citing why it is a good capital investment. Fortune suggested that eventually key legislators might be written to by the Council to ask for continued support. No action was taken, but at the end of the meeting the Council authorized the Chair to write a letter on behalf of the Council urging continued support for the "Bucks for Brains" (now "Bonds for Brains") program.

b. The College of Allied Health Professions is proposing their School of Public Health be made a College. To preclude any sense of a conflict of interest, Fortune has asked John Rawls to stand in as Chair of the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee replacing current Chair, Lori Gonzalez, from Allied Health. Fortune has also asked Patrick DeLuca (Pharmacy) to serve on the Committee to represent the medical center areas. Both Rawls and DeLuca have agreed to serve.

c. Chair Fortune forwarded a proposal to take program approvals to the Senate floor for action to the course/program simplification committee chaired by Phyllis Nash. He noted that such a proposal may bring about considerable discussion and invited Council comments. Some Council members spoke in favor, some were not persuaded - citing a lack of value added to such a procedure; another expressed concern about where the money is coming from (out of which programs?) to accommodate the needs of new ones. No consensus was reached. Waldhart suggested Nietzel be asked about these issues at a breakfast meeting. Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 was suggested. The Chair will invite the Provost and notify the Council when a date is set. The agenda will include issues raised in item 2 above.

d. Engineering Joint Programs: Chair Fortune offered a brief update on the status of the joint programs. No action was taken. Fortune suggested that the new program proposals might get to the Senate by April, but, then again, maybe not.

e. Chair Fortune announced that the First Year Committee has been appointed. He read the list of members [see attached appointment letter], noting that both Jeff Dembo and Tony Stoepfel were appointed. Fortune added that the Graduation Contract Committee had been appointed, with Dembo as Chair, and noted that Dembo could begin any time.

f. The Committee on Committees will meet on the 5th at 10:00 a.m. in 109 Bradley Hall. Recommendations will be brought to the SC on the 18th.

g. The role of the Senate Council Chair. The Council agreed that the Rules Committee should take a look at the current rules to spell out the role of the Council Chair. Fortune will forward the issue to Brad Canon, Chair.

h. New Senate Council members will meet on February 6th at 1:00 in 139 Law School for a brief orientation.

5. Faculty Representation to the Hospital and Athletics Board

Following discussion, the Council directed the Chair to write a letter to President Todd that says the SC recommends he appoint faculty reps to both the Hospital and Athletics Boards from a list submitted by the Senate Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Fortune, Chair
Senate Council

Present Bailey, Saunier, Stoepfel, Proffitt, Durant, Kennedy, Edgerton, Debski, Fortune,
Dembo, Waldhart, Molinaro, Mather