

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL
28 October 2002

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

1. Introduction and Welcome: University Board Chair Steve Reed
Chair Dembo introduced and welcomed UK Board Chair Steve Reed and Council members introduced themselves. Reed said he was attending as an observer and asked the Council to conduct its business without regard to his presence. The latter comment did not go unnoticed. Reed commented informally on an issue discussed later in the meeting.

2. Announcements:
 - a. The Chair announced that David Durant and Larry Grabau had agreed to serve on the Strategic Plan Academic Subcommittee; Dembo has forwarded their names to the Provost.

Discussion followed on committee nominations in general and several suggestions were made about how to generate a more diverse list of names more quickly. No action was taken, although the Chair indicated a need to continue the dialogue.

 - b. The Chair announced that the next breakfast meeting with Mike Nietzel had been scheduled for Wednesday, November 20th from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. in the Boone Center - in the Library.

 - c. The Chair handed out the printed e-mail exchange he and Scott Smith had had regarding the remaining proposals from the HES reorganization. Dembo asked the Council in what way they should respond and in what tone. Discussion followed. The Council boiled Smith's response down to two issues: (a) the required confidential vote issue, and, (b) the self-determination issue. The Council asked Chair Dembo to review the rules/Guidelines to see what is required, and asked that he then draft a letter of explanation to Dean Smith - not point by point, but a general letter. The Chair agreed to write a draft and run it by the Senate Council prior to sending it out.

 - d. Chair Dembo announced that at the suggestion of the President's Commission on Women, a committee is being formed to study the University's current sexual harassment policies. Dembo will participate on that Committee.

5. Provost Search

Chair Dembo brought up the recent Herald-Leader article on the Provost Search and provided background on the search process to date for Mr. Reed. The Chair then called on Professor Edgerton to comment as he could on the Search Committee's activities. Edgerton commented briefly. Following discussion and on motion by Pomeroy and second by Kennedy, the Senate Council voted to request that the co-Chairs of the Provost Search Committee be asked to provide a brief update on the search status and to ask what actions remain.

6. New Business, Michael Kennedy: Compensation Committee

Professor Kennedy raised the issue of the faculty membership on the Board's ad hoc Committee on Compensation [see BoT Minutes, 6.11.02]. Specifically he noted some question raised about the Council's interpretation of the informal comments made by then Board Chair Miles that might have an impact on the Council's action to nominate Bill Fortune. Since he and Pomeroy were asked to decide which of them wished to serve as the faculty representative, the spirit of Miles' statement appears to have been satisfied. He [Kennedy] is serving in that capacity and the Committee has met. Considerable discussion followed, during which Mr. Reed was asked to comment - which he did. Following discussion, it was moved and seconded [Pomeroy; Waldhart] that Michael Kennedy continue to be the faculty member on the Board's ad hoc Compensation Committee and ask the Chair to apologize to Bill Fortune for the Council's earlier misunderstanding (and to withdraw his name from nomination) and write a letter to Frank Shoop withdrawing Bill Fortune's name from nomination. Professor Tagavi moved to amend the motion to indicate that the Senate Council intent was not to replace Michael Kennedy with Bill Fortune but to add Bill Fortune to the Committee, and further, that the Council not send a letter of apology to anyone. Motion died for lack of a second. The motion on the floor passed with one abstention. The Chair will notify the parties.

7. New Business: Pomeroy

Asked about the controversy between SAB and SGA - particularly the tuition issue. Falk briefly explained the difference between SAB and SGA - the latter of which is recognized as the official voice of the student body. SGA has voted to approve the tuition issue, so it is a "done deal."

8. HES Curricular Proposal:

The Chair handed out a more detailed rationale for the changes proposed. Following brief discussion, motion to approve was made and seconded [Pomeroy; Bailey] and passed without dissent. The proposal will go out to the Senate on a ten-day circular.

As an aside, it was suggested that hereafter, if a proposal does not come with a detailed rationale, it be sent back.

9. #782-A Maloney Report

The Council agreed that they would like to discuss the proposal with Mike Nietzel before taking any action. It was suggested as an agenda item for the November 20th breakfast meeting. Chair Dembo agreed to write to Bill Maloney to thank him for his Committee's work and provide him with the current status of the report, and note that there is one facet left to be done, invite his Committee to continue the task, and inform him about the Nietzel discussion.

10. #902 - USP proposals

For consideration at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey B. Dembo
Chair

Present: Tagavi, Bailey, King, Falk, Waldhart, Kennedy, Saunier, Edgerton, Dembo, Debski, Pomeroy

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