

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL
4 November 2002

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

1. Three issues (#903, #904, #905 - two department name changes and a proposed Pain and Palliative Care Institute) from Academic Organization and Structure:
The Chair asked if the Council wanted to consider the three items prior to the discussion on the Provost Search. There being no urgency, the Council agreed to wait until after the Provost Search discussion.

2. Discussion: Provost Search Process, Loys Mather, co-Chair, Search Advisory Committee
Chair Dembo provided a hand-out to the Council - a compilation of responses to the e-mail he sent to the Senate, outlining the events leading up to the President's appointment of the Provost. Dembo removed the identifiers before duplicating. There were some 30 e-mails and 4-5 phone calls and several other e-mails that did not get copied over in time to the circulated document. He noted these were not for public consumption. Chair Dembo then presented a brief chronology of the Provost's appointment beginning with the February 2002 letter in the Herald-Leader.

Following some brief discussion, motion was made and seconded [Kennedy; Bailey] to direct the Chair to seek all UK references and Regulations to higher administration searches and report back to the Council. Motion passed without dissent.

The Chair then welcomed Professor Loys Mather and invited his comments. Mather summarized his perceptions of the Provost Advisory Committee's activities. Discussion followed.

In the discussion several suggestions were made and accepted. One was for the Chair to announce at the 11 November Senate meeting the President's scheduled Q&A for the February 10, 2003 Senate meeting. Another, occurring later in the discussion, was to invite the Provost to attend an upcoming meeting of the Senate - to speak to the Senate about his vision for the University.

There was also brief discussion on issues being considered by the Senate's Planning and Priorities Committee, including the composition of search committees and task forces and a more formalized role for the Senate Council Chair in administrative meetings.

Motion was made [Kennedy; Bailey] to have the Senate Council work with the President's Office and the Provost's Office to prepare a set of guidelines for UK searches, studies and committees (including task forces) that relate to academic affairs, to spell out the expectations of the faculty to the administration. Prepare for Senate consideration on November 11. The motion passed unanimously.

Waldhart agreed to provide the rationale/preamble to be in the form of a resolution using short statements beginning with "whereas." Waldhart will circulate it to the members of the Council for them to look at prior to sending it out.

Kennedy suggested that the Chair transmit to the President (in advance) what is prepared for the Senate to look at.

It was also suggested that a letter be sent to the President, independent of the resolution, expressing the primary concerns expressed in the SC meeting. Brevity was encouraged.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The remaining agenda items will be carried over to a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey B. Dembo
Chair Senate Council

Present: Edgerton, Bailey, King, Falk, Tagavi, Dembo, Saunier, Pomeroy, Kennedy, Waldhart, and guests D. Jones, Z. Govindarajulu, "T". Staten, K. Tian, S. Barton, and L. Mather.