

MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY SENATE COUNCIL  
11 July 2002

The Senate Council met at 11:00 a.m. in the Bingham-Davis House, Gaines Center, and took the following actions:

Introductions were made by the new Senate Council Chair Jeffrey Dembo, and members welcomed.

1. Minutes

On motion by Debski and second by Bailey, the Senate Council minutes of 6 May 2002 were approved as circulated.

2. Announcements:

a. Chair Dembo welcomed Professor Tagavi to the Senate Council's ranks, noting that he is replacing Mary Molinaro, who became ineligible to serve when she was appointed Acting Dean of University Libraries. A warm welcome was accorded Tagavi and congratulations were extended to Dean Molinaro.

Dembo went on to note that with Molinaro's departure comes a vacancy in the Senate Council's Vice Chair position and a need to elect a new one. He asked Council members to be thinking about a new Vice Chair candidate and said he would put the election on the next Senate Council agenda.

b. Bowman Hall has become the new home of the Senate Council offices..

c. Dembo noted that he intended to look at recent student rule waivers to establish a "track record" of sorts . He expects to report his findings at the next meeting.

3. Student Reinstatements:

a. A student petitioner from the College of B&E was introduced and invited to comment. Comment was made and discussion followed. On motion by Bailey and second by King, the B&E student's petition for reinstatement was approved with a strong recommendation that he consider taking six hours per semester for one year and that he visit with his academic advisor before mid-term. Motion passed without dissent. The parties will be notified accordingly.

b. Three petitions from Central Advising were presented and in each case, the Council was unable to reach a consensus. The Council directed the Chair to contact the students to invite them to attend the next Senate Council meeting.

It was suggested that a template be developed as a guide for associate deans/advisors, so that certain information is provided in all reinstatement petitions, including: a) the number of hours the student intends to take upon his/her return; b) whether or not the student intends to work, and, if so, how many hours a week; and, c) how the student intends to pay for tuition and expenses.

c. On motion by Bailey and second by Debski, the A&S student's petition was approved with a strong recommendation that a) he enroll in and complete the Master Student

Program, and, b) that he take no more than six hours if he plans to work full time. The parties will be notified.

d. On motion by Pomeroy and second by Bailey, the A&S student's petition was approved with the stipulations recommended by the petitioning dean. The Chair will notify the assistant dean of the Council's decision, with a copy to the Registrar.

[Lunch Break]

3. Senate Council Representatives to the Senate's Academic Councils:

The following were affirmed:

Academic Council for the Medical Center (ACMC)=Debski;

Undergraduate Council (UC)=Edgerton;

Academic Council for Lexington Community College (ACLCC)=Tagavi;

Graduate Council (GC): the Senate Council suggested either Ernie Bailey or Enid Waldhart. If neither is able, Dembo agreed to serve. The Chair will notify the Chairs of the Councils with copies to the representatives.

4. Graduate Contract Report:

Chair Dembo reported that he and Tony Stoeppel had met with all the deans, who were supportive of the general idea of graduation contracts. A student survey will be conducted by the Committee in the Fall. The Committee will then develop a draft report with recommendations to present to the Senate Council and the Senate. Discussion followed. No action was requested or taken.

5. Trustee Report: Pomeroy and Kennedy

Pomeroy and Kennedy reported highlights from the Board meeting in June. Discussion followed. No action was requested or taken.

Pomeroy announced her January, 2003, departure to UC - Davis to assume her new position as the Executive Associate Dean in the College of Medicine. Congratulations and well wishes were extended to Dr. Pomeroy.

The Chair noted that elections will be held in the Fall to replace Pomeroy on the Board and on the Senate Council.

6. #897--Additions to USP offerings:

On motion by Pomeroy and second by Kennedy, the four items proposed were approved for inclusion in USP. The additions will be posted to the Web for Senate consideration and approval.

7. #898--Various Course/Program Revisions

a) On motion by Pomeroy and second by Debski, GLY 311 was approved as a p/f only course. It will be transmitted to the Senate on a 10-day circular.

b) On motion by Pomeroy and second by Edgerton, the proposed revisions in the Animal Science undergrad program options were approved, subject to spelling out all Genetics courses that meet that requirement. Edgerton suggested the Chair contact Fred Thrift as the drafter of the proposal as well as the most knowledgeable person

about specific genetics courses. Chair Dembo will contact Thrift to determine the specific courses, after which the proposed program changes will be posted to the web for Senate review and approval.

c) Motion was made and seconded [Tagavi; Saunier] to approve the proposed Mechanical Engineering undergraduate program revisions. Motion passed without dissent. The proposal will be posted to the web for Senate review and approval.

d) Motion was made and seconded [Pomeroy; Debski] to approve the program changes in Civil Engineering (B.S.). Motion passed without dissent; the proposal will be posted to the web for Senate consideration and approval.

d) The motion to approve the undergraduate program changes in Chemistry was made by Debski and seconded by Pomeroy. There were no dissenting votes. The proposal will be posted to the web for Senate review and approval.

e) The undergraduate program change in French - to add a capstone course to the Senior Year [FR 495] - was accepted without discussion. It will be posted on the web for the Senate's review and approval.

f) Similarly, the proposed program change in the B.S. in Family Studies, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Major was accepted by the Senate Council without discussion and will be posted to the web for the Senate's review and approval.

g) On motion by Pomeroy and second by Debski, the Graduate Certificate program re-authorization in Social Theory (A&S) was approved for Senate review and approval. It will be posted to the web.

h) The Graduate Certificate in Middle and Secondary School Reading was approved [Pomeroy; Debski] with the proviso that there be a complete review of the Certificate in six years and that an interim report be filed in three years, spelling out the program outcomes. The Certificate will be posted to the web for Senate consideration and approval.

8. UK First Year Compact:

There was no motion. The Council generally agreed not to endorse the drafted compact and list of student expectations, although the expectations were recognized as worthy. Different wording in some specific items was suggested including the following: (1) in the second bullet, add the phrase "...in which you are enrolled."; (2) in the eighth bullet, the following revised wording was suggested "Consider and respect the right to express different viewpoints." and, (3) add specifically an expectation of "academic integrity." It was also suggested that some of the expectations would be difficult for non-traditional students to meet. The first expectation was cited as an example.

The Chair will write to Provost Nietzel to inform him of the Council's concerns.

9. AR changes as a result of the Administration's re-organization [#893] and the new Task Force in Medical Center Academics:

Chair Dembo presented background on the AR changes, and in conjunction with those changes spoke to the charge of the newly appointed Presidential Task Force in Medical Center Academics . Brief discussion followed. No action was requested or taken. The Chair asked the Council to think about.

10. Senate Council Listserv

The Chair offered his thoughts to establish a Senate Council listserv. There followed discussion. No consensus was reached. No formal action was taken.

11. Next Meeting:

Monday, 19 August 2002. 3-5:00 p.m. in the Gallery, Young Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey B. Dembo  
Chair, Senate Council

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

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