Hi Davy...

Thanks for the prompt action.

I have a few follow-up questions (nothing major) if you wouldn’t mind calling me about: 3-6638

Warm regards,

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To: Lee Blonder, Chair, University Senate Council

From: Davy Jones, Chair, Senate Rules and Elections Committee

Date: May 17, 2013

The *University Senate Rules* prescribe procedures for routing of proposals concerning programs in the three primary degree areas for UK identified by the Council on Postsecondary Education, i.e., undergraduate, graduate and professional programs (SR 3.2, SR 3.3). A question has been raised as to whether these Senate Rules prohibit a college from seeking the opinion of a Senate academic council or committee that is not otherwise required by the above rules.

The *University Senate Rules* both strive for

- a minimum of duplication effort in formal academic approval processes (pursuant to Board Gov. Reg. VII, pg. 1), and

- cooperation among the educational policy-making units established by the Board of Trustees, in its Provost model of academic organization for the University (GR VII.A.3-7).

Given the many meritorious academic activities that exist in a wide variety of formal and informal cooperative groupings of the various University colleges, the Senate Rules do
not elevate one particular cooperative self-grouping of colleges over any other. In
promotion of interaction among the colleges, while the Senate Rules do prescribe a
‘minimal duplication framework’ by which proposals are reviewed by successive
bodies, the Senate Rules do not prohibit any college from seeking additional input from
other college groups or Senate bodies, when the college feels that value can be added
by such input. In order to make this meaning of the Senate Rules clear, the Senate
Rules and Elections Committee has rendered the following formal interpretation to be
inserted into the Senate Rules at the end of SR 3.2.3.A and at the end of SR 3.3.3.A.

*This rule does not have the intent or effect of prohibiting any college from seeking and
utilizing the opinion of any willing academic council or committee of the Senate before
the proposal is submitted to the first officially required academic council of review.

Cc:
Chairs, University Senate Academic Councils
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