

# Senate Council

Monday, November 15, 2021

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 15, 2021, in 103 Main Building, although a video conference link was also available. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Aaron Cramer (EN) called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 PM. The Chair welcomed those present. He informed everyone that the session was being recorded for notetaking purposes and noted that it was an open meeting. The Chair informed SC members that the chat was disabled and asked that anyone speaking speak loudly enough to be captured by the mics on the table. He asked that all attendees, online and in person, state their name and affiliation prior to speaking, to ensure everyone knew who was speaking.

## 1. Minutes from November 1 and Announcements

The Chair reported that there was a clerical change to the minutes from November 1. There being **no objections**, the minutes from November 1 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair informed SC members about productive discourse between the Provost and himself over the last few days regarding concerns raised at the previous University Senate (Senate) meeting about temporary distance learning (DL) approval processes.

The Chair announced that on behalf of the SC and Senate, he approved a clerical change to the *Senate Rules (SRs)* related to probation and suspension in the Rosenberg College of Law. The addition of “fall or spring” was added to modify “semester,” which previously had no modifier. The Chair submitted their request to the Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) and Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) chairs to confirm the clerical nature of the change and noted the would be reported to the Senate and included in the next *Senate Rules* update.

The Chair announced that on behalf of the SC and Senate, he approved two non-COVID temporary DL modalities for ICT 695 and ICT 410 for Spring 2022; there were challenges finding a local instructor to teach the courses

The Chair informed SC members that the SC office had a conference call with Poll Everywhere last week, noting the voting software looked promising. The Chair commented that he intended to purchase a month’s trial period of the software.

The Chair announced that applications had been received and reviewed for the Program Coordinator position in the SC office and informed SC members that four Zoom interviews would take place before selecting candidates for in-person interviews.

## 2. Committee Reports

### a. Ad Hoc Committee on Courses without Faculty Oversight – DeShana Collett

The Chair introduced DeShana Collett (chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Courses Without Faculty Oversight) to provide a report.

#### i. Report

Collett thanked the members of the ad hoc committee for their work and proceeded to provide a report to SC members about the committee’s recommendations. There were a few questions from SC members during the report. SC members were supportive of the work thus far. The Chair suggested that

the Committee continue its work and return to SC when the Committee had identified specific administrative positions to serve as “dean” for the various courses and drafted proposed changes to the SRs; there were no objections from SC members. Collett indicated she would involve the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) to recommend appropriate rule changes.

b. Senate’s Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Herman Farrell, SAOSC Member

The Chair introduced Herman Farrell (member of the SAOSC) to explain the proposed suspensions and closures on the SAOSC chair’s behalf, who could not be present today. The Chair asked if SC members wanted to consider the proposals in a single motion. Grossman **moved** to consider the proposals in a single motion. Vincent **seconded**. There were **no objections**.

Farrell explained the proposed suspensions and closures to SC members.

- i. *Proposed Suspension and Closure of EdD Education and Counseling Psychology - Educational Psychology (Curriculog)*
- ii. *Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Middle and Secondary School Reading (Curriculog)*
- iii. *Proposed Suspension and Closure of Graduate Certificate in Next Generation Teaching and Learning (Curriculog)*

The Chair asked if there were any questions and there were none. The **motion** on the floor was a recommendation that the SC approve the proposed suspensions and closures presented by the SAOSC. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken, and the motion **passed** with none opposed and none abstained.

3. Nominees for Search Committee for Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education

The Chair asked SC members for nominees for the Search Committee for Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education. The Chair noted that two representatives were needed. SC members discussed potential nominees and provided names to the Chair, noting that the chair of the Senate's Research and Graduate Education Committee (SRGEC) should be named as one of the two nominees. The Chair noted he would transmit the names to the Provost’s office.

4. Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarly Activity (RCR) – Vice President for Research  
Lisa Cassis

The Chair introduced Lisa Cassis (vice president for research), Linda Dwoskin (senior associate vice president for research – special projects), and Kathy Grzech (proposal development office executive director) to present three items to SC members. The Chair informed SC members that both Cassis and Dwoskin were scheduled to attend the next Senate meeting. The Chair noted that the SC’s particular guidance would be appreciated in determining whether or not all three items be presented to the Senate.

Cassis thanked SC members for their time. Cassis provided a presentation about RCR to SC members. SC members asked a variety of questions and commented on the presentation.

## 5. Data Management – Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis

Cassis explained the need for a data management workgroup and described recommendations for a UK Research Data Management (UK RDM) Task force. SC members were supportive of the recommendation that a UK RDM Task force should consist of faculty and staff from diverse colleges, positions, and points of view.

## 6. Development of Research Leadership Academy - Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis, Senior Associate Vice President for Research (Special Projects) Linda Dwoskin, and Proposal Development Office Executive Director Kathy Grzech

Dwoskin presented a detailed report to SC members about the development of the UK Research Leadership Academy. SC members were supportive of the development. Duncan commented that this was an exciting and valuable initiative.

The Chair requested the SC's guidance for how to allocate time during the Senate meeting for the presentations from the Office of the Vice President for Research. Grossman suggested that the PowerPoint presentation slides be included in an email to Senate members prior to the meeting. Cassis noted that feedback about faculty engagement preferences for information from their office would be beneficial. The Chair expressed his appreciation for the Office of the Vice President for Research.

## 7. Senate Meeting Roundtable (Time Permitting)

SC members participated in a Senate meeting roundtable. The following items include sentiments expressed by SC members about the previous Senate meeting:

- The meeting went well without use of the “chat” function in Zoom
- There was further discussion to be had on issues related to course modalities
- The Chair managed the meeting well and kept order
- Removing the chat function allowed for more in-person conversation via Zoom
- Questions posed to the Provost by Senate members were good
- Conversation among Senate members was productive
- The possibility of a senator moving to limit responses to two minutes when there is a lot of discussion

## 8. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

The Chair welcomed items from the floor.

Oltmann mentioned a recent issue involving mask requirement exemptions and the College of Fine Arts, requesting that the issue be addressed by the Provost. Hawse commented that there should be uniformity across the University in changing mask policies. Duncan noted the need for a better understanding of the policies.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM with no objections.

Respectfully submitted by Aaron Cramer,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Blonder, Cantrell, Collett, Cramer, DeCorte, Duncan, Grossman, Hawse, Oltmann, Swanson, VanGilder, Vincent

Invited guests present: Sheila Brothers, Lisa Cassis, Linda Dwoskin, Herman Farrell, Kathy Grzech, Kristen Perry, Ken Tyler

Prepared by Katie Silver on Monday, November 22, 2021