

Wright commented that she would bring up the issue later in the week at the Student Government Association's Senate meeting. Edwards, who serves as SGA Senate chair, said he would solicit a motion indicating approval of a change to non-voting status for students in the University Senate. SC members thanked him and asked that he also pursue a motion about creating another vehicle for communication among faculty, staff and students.

#### d. Discussion on HCCC Chair

The Chair led SC members in a discussion on the person(s) or position(s) that could chair the Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC). She explained that Provost Tracy preferred that the new position of associate provost for faculty advancement concentrate on faculty advancement. Both she and Jones offered background information for the positions that chaired the HCCC in the past. Blonder said she would confirm with the Provost that financial support for the office of the HCCC will continue from the Provost's office.

SC members discussed a variety of individuals or positions that could chair the HCCC. Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Provost that the chair of the Health Care Colleges Council be appointed from the associate deans for instruction in the health care colleges and that the three-year term rotate among health care colleges (alphabetically by name of college). Brion **seconded**. After brief discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 3. Request to Waive *Senate Rules 5.2.4.8.1* ("Common Examinations") - CHE 232

Grossman explained his request for a waiver of *Senate Rules 5.2.4.8.1*. Brion **moved** that the SC approve the change in the common exam time for CHE 232 as requested and Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 4. Degree Lists - Removal of Students (General Discussion)

The Chair introduced this topic by noting that there is concern about degree list removal authority due to a case at the University of West Virginia where the Governor's daughter was improperly listed to get a degree without having fulfilled requirements. Had a senate body been involved, this person would not have gotten a degree.

Ms. Brothers explained the current situation to SC members: whenever a degree list is emailed to senators, there are perhaps one or two requests to add a student to the list, but there can be 10 or 15 requests to remove students from the list. Additions require clear evidence of administrative error on the part of a department or employee. Ms. Brothers asserted that removing students was unnecessary because students can only receive a degree if they have completed the degree requirements; if a student does not complete the degree requirements, being on the degree list is irrelevant. She added that it put the Registrar in the awkward position of removing a student's name from a manually-generated list of degree candidates, although the degree application remains valid until the college/department rejects the graduation application.

There was general discussion among SC members. Grossman **moved** that the staff members in the Senate Council Office be empowered to ignore requests to remove students from degree lists. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 5. Tentative Senate Agenda for October 8, 2012