

Notes on Senate Council Meeting on March 3, 2008

1. . Members present: Aken (SA), Anderson (DA), Finkel (RF), Randall (DR), Swanson (HS), Tagavi (KT), Wood (CW) and Yanarella (EY); also Greissman (RG).
2. KT announced that Sheila Brothers was unable to attend the meeting. He asked DR to take notes.
3. KT also announced that Piascik, Dembo, Chappell and Michael cannot attend.
3. No comments were given therefore minutes of Feb. 18 and 25 stood as approved.
4. Guests Sharon Stuart (Assoc Dean Academic Affairs, Coll of Health Sci) and Linda Gorman joined the group to discuss the request by the College of Health Sciences to [delete the Doctor of Science in Hematology and Transplant Science](#) (item 2 in agenda). Discussion regarding the desirability of suspending, rather than deleting, the degree ensued. M (CW) / S (EY) and carried (6-0-0) to delete the Doctor of Science in Hematology and Transplant Science degree.
5. The SC discussed in detail each item in the [version of the “Seven Principles” with revisions proposed](#) by CW and as distributed to the SC members prior to the meeting (pp. 29-30).

Item 1: M (DR) / S (DA) C (6-0-0) to approve item 1 as in the draft document.

Item 2: M (RF) / S (DA) / C (6-0-0) to accept text, as in draft but with the text of sentence one (of the paragraph) reading “...curriculum or those satisfying general education requirements will meet...” replaced by the text “curriculum, either those initially adopted, or subsequently approved will meet...”

Item 3: M (DA) / S (EY) C (6-0-0) to accept text as in draft.

Item 4: M (CW) / S (DA) C (6-0-0) to accept text as in draft.

Item 5: Item 5 engendered discussion that resulted in modifications of the draft text. The initial motion (RF) / S (SA) / was to approve draft text. A friendly amendment was offered to delete the text in paragraph that reads “We need to distinguish the mathematical prerequisites for various disciplinary majors from the quantitative reasoning ability needed for effective participation in a technological world.” The revised motion passed 6-0-0.

Item 6: Item 6 engendered discussion that resulted in modifications of the draft text. First, RF moved / S (CW) / C (6-0-0) to replace the word “productive” in paragraph 1 with the word “engaged.” Second, RF moved / S (DA) to delete the phrase “As a tool for social success” from the text in paragraph 1; motion carried (6-0-0). Third, EY moved/S (?) to replace the text in paragraph 1 reading “...citizenship require students to

understand cultural competency and the value of human diversity” with the words “...citizenship require students to strive for cultural competence and appreciate the value of human diversity.” Motion carried (6-0-0). DA moved / S (YE) to accept the amended text; motion carried (6-0-0)

Item 7: M (EY) / S (SA) C (5-1-0) to accept text as in draft.

DR moved / S (EY) to send the revised text to the Senate with a positive recommendation; motion carried (6-0-0).

6. Guest Richard Sweigard, Associate Dean of the College of Engineering joined the SC members to discuss item 3 on the agenda, the [proposed new University Scholars Program b/w BS Mechanical Engineering and MS in Biomedical Engineering](#). After a brief discussion it was moved (?) and seconded (DA) to send the proposal to the Senate with positive recommendation; motion carried 6-0-0.

7. Guest Jacquie Hager joined the SC members to discuss items 4 and 5 on the agenda. RF moved / S (EY) to send agenda item 4 ([Proposal to Standardize Degree Application Deadline](#)) to Senate with a positive recommendation. Motion carried (6-0-0).

8. Considerable discussion ensued among SC members as to whether it would be “fair” to all concerned to alter the deadline previously specified for withdrawal from a class. A general consensus emerged that the deadline for the current semester had been widely advertised, and confusion would result if the deadline were to be changed now. RF moved, S (EY) to send the [Proposal to Modify the Course Withdrawal Deadline](#) effective Summer 2008 to the Senate with a positive recommendation; motion carried (6-0-0).

9. SC members discussed the [agenda for the March meeting of the University Senate](#). The discussion was influenced by the relative uncertainty of how much time would be required to allow adequate discussion of the “Principles.” Members agreed that the 5 items on the agenda proposed at the top of page 26 were appropriate, and, as time allowed, the items related to the proposed program suspension in secondary German, Spanish, French and Classics Education, and the proposed Program Deletion: Doctor of Science in Clinical Sciences (item 4, above) and the Proposed New University Scholars Program b/w BS Mechanical Engineering & MS in Biomedical Engineering be added to the agenda. EY moved / S (RF) to adopt the agenda; motion carried (6-0-0). Other items proposed on page 26 will be posted on the web on a 10 day circulation basis and senators invited to identify any item for consideration by the full Senate. Items not so identified would be considered approved.

10. SC adjourned at 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

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