

Senate Council
April 16, 2013

The Senate Council met in special session at 2 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. The purpose of the meeting was to allow SC members and President Capilouto to engage in face to face dialogue. The only parliamentary action taken was to vote for adjournment at the end.

Senate Council Chair Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

1. Informal Discussion with President Eli Capilouto

The Chair welcomed President Eli Capilouto to a special meeting of the SC for informal discussion. She explained that a list of 11 questions from SC members had been submitted to the President, although other topics could be covered if time permitted. Below is a representation of the issues that were discussed.

- Update on the provost search and clarification of particular charge(s) to a new provost.
- Interest in appointing a faculty, or faculty/staff, ombud.
- Progress in achieving an efficient administrative organization
 - Related conversation about what “efficiency” means and how to measure it.
- Priority educational initiatives for this University and plan to achieve them.
- President’s plans to support graduate education.
- [With respect to the proposed new values-based budget] Issue of colleges receiving an incentive reward for having effective departmental programs, and how the individual programs rewarded
- Distribution of 5% merit raise pool.
- Issues surrounding who is responsible for paying the salary of a tenured faculty member in the Regular Title Series– the department, college or University; linkage of tenured faculty member’s salary for their appointment period and authority of a dean to change the appointment period for a faculty member.
- A description of the SC’s intent to have faculty evaluate the President’s performance, as well as the comment that the plan originated prior to President Capilouto’s arrival at UK.

President Capilouto asked senate council members what their perceptions were. He commented a number of times that the questions should ask what “we” will do, not what “I” [President Capilouto] will do.

As the meeting wound down, the Senate Council Chair suggested discussing any issues on the horizon that the SC and President will be working on together. President Capilouto outlined the University’s efforts to ensure the relocation of students in affected graduate housing was as holistic as possible.

President Capilouto added that one additional issue to watch is the growing number of state legislatures enacting performance-based funding for public institutions.

Due to the time, Grossman **moved** to adjourn and Christ **seconded**. There being no discussion, the motion **passed** and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Debski, Grossman, Hippisley, Pienkowski, Swanson, Wasilkowski, Watt and Wood.

Invited guest present: Eli Capilouto.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, April 29, 2013.