

Senate Council  
April 18, 2011

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 18, 2011 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order shortly after 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements

There were no minutes ready for review.

The Chair directed SC members to review the names of individuals, the vast majority being self-nominations, who volunteered to serve on the IT Coordinating Committee and the IT Academic Computing Committee. After brief discussion, Anderson **moved** to send the list of names to the President's office, and Wermeling **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair introduced Joni Burnell, the new temporary employee in the Office of the Senate Council, and those present introduced themselves as well.

Moving to the recent University Senate (Senate) meeting, Thelin opined that it was exemplary, much was covered, and it was a first for the Senate, in that the chair of the Board of Trustees (Board) attended, along with other Board members. The Chair commented that she sent the language of the motion of appreciation made during the Senate meeting to the Board, along with her presentation.

Steiner asked that the issue of election of the SC chair be placed back on a future SC agenda.

The Chair then asked SC members to discuss changing the date of the May 2 Senate meeting, since the forums on the preferred presidential candidate would occur earlier in the day. There was quite a bit of discussion about changing the meeting date, as well as having a discussion about the preferred candidate as a group.

After some time, Wermeling **moved** that the SC take responsibility for a post-new-president assessment and make recommendations about what the SC would like to see done differently in the future, and entered into the record. Yanarella **seconded**. Wermeling added that the faculty representatives on the Presidential Search Committee could provide their understanding of what transpired during the search process. He opined that the discussion could take place a few days after the preferred presidential candidate forums to help ensure that the discussion be deliberative instead of reactionary **[AI]**.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

The Chair asked SC members about the date of the May 2 University Senate (Senate) meeting, since the preferred presidential candidate forums will occur earlier the same day; she wondered if the date should be changed. After some discussion, Wermeling **moved** to investigate the feasibility of moving the Senate meeting to May 9, pending feedback from fellow senators. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being on further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

The Chair reported that she approved a change to the BS, MS and PhD degrees in Family Science [singular] to Family Sciences [plural], at the request of the department.

The Chair commented that a faculty member had asked the Chair to look into administrative processes that hinder faculty efforts to accomplish research issues, particularly UK's new travel agency and its inconvenience. There was brief discussion, and Wermeling commented that the issue did not seem to be in the realm of educational policy. There was no motion to take further action.

SC members then discussed a commemorative gesture for President Todd, perhaps something written. Grossman will take the lead on drafting the language, which SC members can sign and have presented to him formally. Anderson **moved** that the SC offer a commemorative memento to President Todd and Wermeling **seconded**. SC members discussed the motion. The majority of SC members were in favor of an honest and generous gesture. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

### 3. Enhancement of Intellectual Property (IP) Committee and Overall Improved IP Process - Vice President for Commercialization and Economic Development Len Heller

The Chair introduced Vice President for Commercialization and Economic Development Len Heller. Guest Heller offered a presentation on changes and improvements to the Intellectual Property Committee and the intellectual property process overall. When he finished he answered a variety of questions from SC members. The Chair thanked Heller for giving his presentation.

### 6. Proposed New Administrative Regulations 10:4 ("Social Media")

Marcy Deaton (Associate Legal Counsel) explained that the original draft was not well-liked, and the day's version was modeled after Ball State. Guest Deaton explained that the policy also contained "best practices" for social media. Jay Blanton (executive director, Public Relations) added that regulating social media was comparable to regulating conversations in a coffee shop. Guest Blanton said that the policy section of the regulation essentially just codified current practices.

SC members discussed the proposed new *Administrative Regulation 10:4* and how easy it can be to blur the lines between personal and work life in social media. After discussion wound down, Deaton commented that the regulation might be incorporated into Information Technology policies in the future, but since social media was a burgeoning area, it made sense to have a clear, concise regulation for the time being. The Chair asked that additional comments be sent to Deaton.

### 5. Proposed Changes to Administrative Regulations 4:1 ("Registered Student Organizations")

Deaton briefly explained the proposed revisions, noting that the changes to *Administrative Regulations 4:1* were largely due to a routine, five-year review of regulations. There were a few brief comments.

#### 8. Possible Gen Ed Names – Discussion on Final Naming Process

Assistant Provost Bill Rayens offered a brief description of the history behind a name for the new Gen Ed. The Interim General Education Oversight Committee (IGEOC) came up with a name, but was told that there would be a campuswide naming campaign in early February or March. The campaign involved an announcement on UKNow, without IGEOC participation. About 65 names were submitted, with a handful of duplicates. IGEOC then pared that list down to about six names, of which four were then sent to the SC.

Those present then discussed the names. Yanarella **moved** that the SC reduce the number of names from four to three, and submit those names to the US for discussion and a vote. Kirk **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair asked Kirk to solicit the student opinion on the three names.

#### 4. Proposed Change to Graduate School Calendar

Mrs. Brothers explained that the only change was the addition of May 6 as the last day for candidates to submit final copies of their thesis/dissertation.

Wasilkowski **moved** to approve the proposed change to the Graduate School calendar, and Thelin **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 9. Provost Attendance

##### 11. Update on Dean Searches

##### 12. Salary Issues

The Chair asked Provost Kumble Subbaswamy if he could comment on the issues of salary increases and the ongoing dean searches in the College of Medicine and the College of Business and Economics. The Provost did so, and also discussed a few other matters with SC members.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5 pm. [The Action Items are a part of the minutes, but are included at the very end.]

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Kirk, Steiner, Swanson, Thelin, Wasilkowski and Wermeling.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Jeannine Blackwell, Joni Burnell, Len Heller, Provost Kumble Subbaswamy and Ken Troske.

#	√	Item	Responsibility	Completed
5.		SC subset to examine and revise the description of the administrative coordinator's job duties with a view towards increasing compensation. (7/14/10)	Grossman, Chair	
20.		Charge Senate's Academic Programs Committee with creating processes for substantive change issues (teach-out, contractual/consortium process, off-campus sites, how to reopen a suspended program). (8/23/10)	SC	
26.	√	Query VP IRPE Connie Ray about number of administrators at UK vs. benchmark institutions. (9/20/10)	Mrs. Brothers	2/1/2011 & 3/28/11
31.		Ask the Provost to submit a statement of financial and administrative feasibility for proposals prior to the proposals being sent to cmte. (10/4/10)	Greissman/SC	
36.	√	Send solicitation for Commencement Cmte Co-Chair to college associate deans. (10/18/10)	Mrs. Brothers	04/2011
40.		Draft changes to <i>Senate Rule</i> language on Senate meeting attendance policies for review by SC. (8/30/10 & 11/15/10)	Chair, Steiner	
42.		Discuss with the Provost the method of allocating resources from distance learning courses. (11/15/10)	Chair	
44.		Create ad hoc committee (perhaps with VPR and Provost) to look at what constitutes an administrative or an educational unit, and if there is a continuum or a sharp difference. (11/22/10; 12/6/10)	Chair, SC	
46.	√	Discuss election of officers, specifically who is eligible to cast votes. (12/6/10); Solicit opinions from the Senate. (2/28/11)	SC	05/2011
48.		Create a charge for a committee to review DL courses. (12/6/10)	Chair, SC	
53.		Investigate "Quality Matters" WRT distance learning courses. (1/10/11)	SC	
57.		Look into creating a Senate committee on assessment. (1/31/11)	SC	
59.	√	Invite Board of Trustees members and chair to April "State of Faculty Affairs" address. (1/31/11)	Mrs. Brothers / Chair	03/2011
60.		Deliberate during summer retreat(s) on what the SC's strategic vision is for academic facilities. (1/31/11)	SC	
62.		Determine how to address the issue of the proportionate representation of appointed Board of Trustees members. (2/7/11)	SC	
63.		Invite UofL employment ombud to SC meeting after joint ombud cmte visits the University of Cincinnati. (2/21/11)	Mrs. Brothers	
65.		Invite Associate Provost for Undergrad Ed to offer "State of Undergraduate Education" address to Senate. (2/21/11)		

66.		Invite Associate Provost for Academic Affairs about distance learning courses. (2/21/2011)	Mrs. Brothers	
65.	√	Query Connie Ray to explain use of CIP codes for courses and faculty. (2/28/11)	SC	03/2011
66.		Develop metrics for faculty input into president's performance during summer retreats. (4/4/11)	SC	
67.		Offer ideas on the presidential search process, from the faculty perspective. (4/18/11)	SC	