

Senate Council
April 27, 2009

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 27, 2009 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a voice vote unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Dave Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair reported that Ford, Kelly and Swanson would be absent. He added that he had decided that the effective date for the recent Senate-approved changes to Dead Week would be effective for fall 2009. There were no objections.

SECAFL (SEC Affiliated Faculty Leaders) will be meeting on UK's campus the first weekend in October. He said he would share more information as it became available.

Due to a lack of quorum during the previous week's meeting (April 20), there was no opportunity for the SC to officially endorse the changes to *Governing Regulations VII* as a whole, but the SC had endorsed the changes individually as Provost's Liaison Greissman brought them forward: 1. departments and educational units must develop written statements about excellence within disciplines for promotion and tenure; and 2. the requirement for letters written by the dean of the Graduate School were removed. The Chair was comfortable with informing the Board of Trustees (BoT) that the changes were endorsed by the SC, since they had been endorsed individually. Greissman added that the last piece, regarding faculty consideration, would be brought to the BoT for their June meeting.

The Chair suggested that one more SC meeting after the May University Senate (Senate) meeting would be required. He also explained that due to financial considerations, the Office of the Senate Council would, in the near future have to stop providing paper handouts on a regular basis.

Turning to the matter of approving minutes, Greissman and SC members engaged in a brief discussion regarding the language that should be used to describe the April 20 comments on the proposed changes to *Administrative Regulations II-1.0-1*. It was ultimately decided that Mrs. Brothers would revise the minutes accordingly.

Anderson **moved** to approve the SC minutes from March 23, March 20 and April 6 as distributed. Piascik **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Those present introduced themselves.

2. Proposed Change to BA/BS in Telecommunications

The Chair invited Professor Tom Lindloff to explain the proposal, which he did. There were a few questions, which he answered.

Yanarella **moved** to approve the proposed changes to the BA and BS in Telecommunications and send them to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective summer I. Jensen **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. [Proposed New Degree Program: MS/PhD in Reproductive Sciences](#)

The Chair invited Professor Doris Baker to explain the proposal, which she did. Wood and Tagavi expressed some concern that there was no explicit language pertaining to minimum MS requirements. They suggested some revised wording¹ on page 18 of the proposal to codify what Guest Baker said was the intent all along, which was a minimum requirement of 30 hours for the MS: "...must be **IDENTICAL** to the first two years of the required curriculum in the doctoral degree **but no less than 30 hours, under any circumstances.**" Baker indicated that there was no desire to offer a free-standing MS degree, but that Graduate School Dean Blackwell strongly urged such an offering as a fallback for a doctoral candidate who, for some reason, could not complete doctoral work.

Guest Sharon Stewart (associate dean for academic affairs in the College of Health Sciences) noted that both the MS and PhD were posted with the CPE and while the posting for the MS just finished, the official letter had not yet arrived.

After some additional comments, Steiner **moved** to approve the proposed new MS and PhD in Reproductive Sciences and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Jensen **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent.

The Chair said that agenda items number four and five could be discussed jointly.

4. [Proposed New Degree Program: PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics](#)

5. [Proposed New Degree Program: MS in Epidemiology](#)

The Chair invited Professor Richard Kryscio to explain the proposal, which he did. Guest Kryscio talked about the joint nature of the degree, between the Department of Epidemiology and the Department of Biostatistics and said that the program was evenly divided between both departments. If a student could not complete the PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, the student could "fall back" on the MS in Epidemiology. There were various questions and comments from SC members, some of which is noted below.

Piasek asked about the prerequisite of a bachelor's degree in the section "Audience," noting that only about 60% of PharmD students came into the Pharmacy program with a bachelor's degree or professional doctorate degree. After brief discussion Kryscio clarified that the target audience was health care professionals with a bachelor's degree. He agreed to a change² in "Audience":

¹ For the MS/PhD in Reproductive Sciences, ~~striketrough~~ denotes text removed, and **bold** denotes added text.

² For the remainder of this document, ~~striketrough~~ denotes text removed, and underline denotes added text.

Practicing health care professionals with bachelor's degrees (MDs, DMDs, PharmDs, etc) who are interested in pursuing....

Krystio confirmed for Yanarella that the Council on Postsecondary Education was satisfied with the proposal.

Wood asked about the minimum completion in "Curriculum." It was ultimately decided that the language should be modified for clarity:

Students will complete a minimum of ~~62~~58 pre-qualifying credit hours of study and a dissertation research.

Wood also suggested, and Krystio agreed to, the substitution of "faculty" for "school" (to describe the type of faculty on the doctoral committee) in the last paragraph of "Curriculum."

The Chair added that the change from "62 credit hours" to 58 credit hours" should be noted at the end of "Core Curriculum," with which Krystio agreed.

6. [Proposed New Degree Program: MS in Clinical Research Design](#)

Krystio explained that the name of the proposed new degree program was originally "Clinical Research," but that a different name was requested, resulting in "Clinical Research Design." SC members offered a few comments and suggestions.

Tagavi said that there was another small issue with the description of potential students in "Target Audience." Krystio agreed to a change in the language:

Practicing health care professionals with a bachelor's degree (MDs, DMDs, PharmDs, Clinical Psychologists, etc.) and those pursuing a ~~terminal~~ PhD in fields like....

Krystio also agreed to drop his name from the pair of co-Directors of Graduate Studies for the degree program, so that David Mannino would be the DGS.

After a few more questions, the Chair thanked Krystio for discussing the proposal.

8. [Proposed New Graduate Certificate: Maternal and Child Health](#)

Professor Marta Mendiondo explained that students had been requesting such a certificate for some time. In response to a question from Greissman about admission limits mentioned on page five of the proposal's narrative, Mendiondo explained that there was a maximum amount of students that could be handled at once because of the mandatory travel abroad experience.

The Chair thanked invited guests for attending, and they departed.

4. [Proposed New Degree Program: PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics](#)

Anderson **moved** to approve the proposed new PhD in Epidemiology and Biostatistics and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation and Steiner **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. [Proposed New Degree Program: MS in Epidemiology](#)

Piascik **moved** to approve the proposed new MS in Epidemiology and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Aken **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. [Proposed New Degree Program: MS in Clinical Research Design](#)

Piascik **moved** to approve the proposed new MS in Clinical Research Design and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Aken **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

8. [Proposed New Graduate Certificate: Maternal and Child Health](#)

Anderson **moved** to approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Maternal and Child Health and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Jensen **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

10. [Proposal to Change Bachelor of Science in Nursing \(RN – BSN Option\)](#)

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies Pat Burkhart explained the proposed changes and answered a few questions from SC members. The change in language below was made to the narrative table outlining changes to the Bulletin (in “a (1) For Associate Degree Nurses”) and also to the language from *Senate Rules 4.2.2.1.D.a* (toward the end of the proposal).

NOTE: RN licensure is required to progress to the second semester of the curriculum or prior to beginning clinical experiences.

SC members responded to other questions from the SC including what constituted “good health” and the usefulness (or lack thereof) of the interview and letter of reference. Steiner expressed a preference for retaining supervisor letters of reference and interviews, which Lowry found acceptable. Therefore, the removed wording about a letter of reference from a supervisor, illustrated in the narrative table outlining changes to the Bulletin, was added back in, as was the language from *Senate Rules 4.2.2.1.D.a* (toward the end of the proposal).

Jensen **moved** to approve the proposal to change the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN Option) and Aken **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

9. [2009 – 2010 Winter Intersession Calendar](#)

The Chair reminded SC members that there was [a discussion](#) about the Winter Intersession a couple of years ago in which the SC said it would need a report on the courses involved prior to approving any further pilot period.

Wood **moved** to approve the 2009 – 2010 Winter Intersession Calendar and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Jensen **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. [Proposal to Change Foreign Language Requirement](#)

The Chair invited Associate Dean (and Professor) Susan Carvalho to explain the proposal. Guest Carvalho said that the foreign language requirement was the only admissions requirement without associated assessment. Rather than raising the language requirement, the General Education Reform Steering Committee (GERSC) suggested the need for finding a manner of assessing freshmen foreign language competencies. GERSC's proposal was that, beginning in 2010, all incoming freshmen will be tested during the summer, advising weekends, etc. using the STAMP test from Oregon. Remediation will begin in fall 2012, including reporting the results back to school districts. Knowing that such testing will be performed will have a tremendous back-wash effect of raising attention to foreign language across the state. Carvalho said that she and many others hoped that school districts would begin to institute foreign language testing, so that students could be tested immediately after having been taught, instead of later upon arrival at UK.

SC members discussed a variety of issues, including the possibility of cheating during the foreign language assessment tests and the score level to be accepted (novice-mid).

After discussion, it was **moved** and **seconded** to approve the proposal to change the foreign language requirement and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair thanked Carvalho for attending and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Randall,
Senate Council Chair

SC members in attendance: Aken, Anderson, Jensen, Piascik, Randall, Steiner, Wood and Yanarella.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Doris Baker, Kim Campbell, Tom Lindloff, Marta Mendiondo, Claudia Hopenhayn, Dick Kryscio, Joe Quinn and Sharon Stewart.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, August 11, 2009.