

Senate Council
April 27, 2015

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, April 27, 2015 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Senate Council Chair Andrew Hippisley called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes from April 20, 2015 and Announcements

The Chair said that no changes to the minutes were received. Mazur said that she had a correction but had not yet sent it in; she read her proposed change aloud. There were no objections to her proposed revision. Mazur **moved** to approve the minutes from April 20, 2015 as amended and Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair offered a few announcements.

- A recent email from a staff member indicated that hard copy (paper) teacher-course evaluation forms would no longer be supported by the University. The Chair received a complaint about this matter and learned that there was a simple misunderstanding about format, not that the University was implementing the proposed teacher-course evaluation questions approved conditionally upon implementation concerns, at the April 2015 University Senate (Senate) meeting.

Update on Outstanding Senator Award

Vice Chair Christ announced that the winner of the 2015 Outstanding Senator Award was Connie Wood (AS/Statistics). She asked SC members to keep it quiet until it was announced at the May 4 Senate meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the day's long agenda – he said he had encouraged proposals to be on the agenda if there was a chance they could be reviewed and possibly approved, because this was the last SC meeting prior the last Senate meeting of the year. There was discussion about reordering the agenda to ensure the best use of SC members' and invited guests' time. Porter **moved** to reorder the day's agenda to hear curricular items prior to the discussion on the proposed new *Governing Regulation* on faculty disciplinary policy. Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

3. Degree Recipients

a. May 2015 *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* Candidates

i. College of Arts and Sciences Student

College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean Anna Bosch (guest) shared information about Ms. Jamie Danielle McCarty, a student in the Chemistry program, who passed away during the course of her studies at UK. Grossman **moved** that Ms. McCarty be added to the May 2015 *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* List and that the elected faculty senators approve UK's May 2015 *In Memoriam* list of candidates for credentials, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board. Watt **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair noted that it was his understanding that members of Ms. McCarty's family had been invited to the May Commencement ceremony and would be honored prior to the other degree recipients.

ii. College of Nursing Student

College of Nursing Assistant Dean Joanne Davis (guest) shared information about Ms. Taylor Ann Davis, a Nursing student, who passed away prior to completion of her studies. Watt **moved** that Ms. Davis be added to the May 2015 *In Memoriam Posthumous Degree* List and that the elected faculty senators approve UK's May 2015 *In Memoriam* list of candidates for credentials, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the

Board. Wilson **seconded**. Grossman asked if Ms. Davis was close to completing her degree and was told that the student was in her third semester of course work. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. May 2015 Degree List

Bailey **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's May 2015 list of candidates for credentials, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board and Mazur **seconded**. There was no discussion. A **vote** was taken and the emotion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Early August 2015 Degree List

Bailey **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve UK's early August 2015 list of candidates for credentials, for submission to the Senate and then through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board and Grossman **seconded**. There was no discussion. A **vote** was taken and the emotion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Amend Something Previously Adopted (May 2014 Degree List): Rescind Double Major and Bestow Dual Degree: Arts and Sciences Student AC-41

Guest Bosch explained to the SC that students are commonly confused about the difference between a dual degree and a double major. Student AC-41 applied for and was awarded a single degree with a double major in May 2015. Later that summer she discussed the matter with her advisor and was told that it was possible to change her degree from one degree with two majors to two degrees, each with one major. The student satisfied the requirement of earning 144 credit hours. The College of Arts and Sciences' position was that the advisor incorrectly told the student that the degree could be changed, therefore the College committed an administrative error it was seeking to rectify.

Bailey **moved** that the SC recommend the Senate move to amend something previously adopted (BA Political Science, May 2014 degree list) by rescinding the double major degree for student AC-41 and in its place bestowing a BA Political Science and BA International Studies. Mazur **seconded**.

Grossman said he did not see how it could be considered an administrative error if the student had already graduated when she contacted her advisor. Bosch replied that the College was unable to provide any evidence that the student was incorrectly or correctly advised, due to the lack of a paper trail. There were a few comments regarding the fact that the advisor should have a record of communications with the student, but Bosch noted that the advisor was a faculty member who did not have any such records. Grossman commented again that because the student had already graduated, there could not have been any administrative error. Porter asked if the student was advised prior to graduation about the possibility of earning two separate degrees, but Bosch said there was no information about whether the student was incorrectly advised or if the student did not follow the correct procedure to apply for graduation. There were a few comments concerning the overall quality of advising the student did, or did not, receive.

The Chair asked Bosch if the College's assertion was that an error occurred prior to graduation. Bosch replied she was willing to state that if it facilitated the ability to grant the student two degrees instead of one. Brown **moved** to amend the motion to clarify that the need to rescind/bestow was due to an administrative error in the College of Arts and Sciences and Wilson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the additional language was added to the motion.

Porter commented that graduation rates fall under UK's strategic plan and said that students should receive better advising. Grossman asked if the College was prepared to go back to all double majors to see if any of them qualified for two separate degrees. Bosch said the College could do that if the SC requested. Grossman said that relying on students to notice that they had been poorly advised with respect to a double major vs. a dual degree was not preferred – by stating that the College may have incorrectly advised a student, the onus was on the College of Arts and Sciences to go back and check all of them. Bosch said that the College was making explicit efforts to contact students who had earned 144 credit hours to be sure they are aware they are eligible for dual degrees, not just double majors.

McCormick **called the question** and Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with two-thirds in favor and none opposed.

A **vote** was then taken on the amended motion that due to an administrative error in the College of Arts and Sciences, the SC recommended the Senate move to amend something previously adopted (BA Political Science, May 2014 degree list) by rescinding the double major degree for student AC-41 and in its place bestowing a BA Political Science and BA International Studies. The motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstaining.

5. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) - Greg Graf, Chair

i. Proposed Change to College of Law Admissions Policy (*Senate Rules 4.2.3.1.A*)

The chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), Greg Graf, was not present. Parliamentarian Catherine Seago, a guest for the day, said that the written report from the SAASC was sufficient for SC to take action on it – the motion to approve could still be considered as coming from the SAASC even if the SAASC chair was not present to give it.

The Chair explained that the proposal involved the addition of a sentence to allow undergraduate students without bachelor's degrees to apply to their program. College of Law Dean David Brennen said that the admissions change was closely related to the soon-to-be-discussed "UK BLUE" proposal, which proposed to allow certain undergraduate students from three specific programs in the College of Arts and Sciences to begin earning Law credits during their senior year. McCormick asked if the program would be similar to a University Scholars Program, whereby a student could double dip credit hours. Brown asked if the moniker "UK BLUE" should be replaced in the proposal to ensure it would work if the program expands in the future. Dean Brennen explained that changing the language would require retuning to the Law faculty for approval, which he was willing to do, but he was not willing to accept a change without informing them first. Bosch opined that "UK BLUE" was not owned by Arts and Sciences and could be used to apply to any program that worked with the College of Law.

Grossman noticed two editorial issues in the language. First, the word "program" was used twice. Second, "However," should be added to the beginning of the newly inserted sentence to clarify there is an exception to the first sentence. Dean Brennen accepted Grossman's suggestion to replace the first instance of "program" with "Education" and to begin the second sentence of the section with "However,".

There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken on the motion from SAASC to approve the proposed change to the College of Law's admissions procedures and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Margaret Schroeder, Chair

i. Proposed New UK BLUE (3+3) Program: Arts and Sciences BA and College of Law JD [to be discussed pending receipt of SAPC recommendation]

Guest Margaret Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), reported that the SAPC was unable to offer a positive recommendation at the present time; the SAPC met to discuss the proposal for the first time an hour or so prior and had not had time to send their questions to the contact person. Schroeder said that normally, after such a meeting, she would engage the proposer to get more information, after which the SAPC would vote on the proposal. In the current situation, she said they did not have a chance to even ask for the additional information prior to presenting it to SC. The Chair asked for clarification and Schroeder agreed that the SAPC was not rejecting the proposal, but rather was not yet ready to make a recommendation.

Grossman **moved** to table the proposal until the SAPC finished its review and McCormick **seconded**. Guest Anna Bosch, present to represent the College of Arts and Sciences in the proposal, said that she had sent some answers to a committee already. Schroeder explained that the SAPC reviewed the proposed new program, while the SAASC reviewed the admissions change for the College of Law. There was discussion among SC members about the appropriate next steps. It was the final SC meeting prior to the last Senate meeting of the year so items that were not placed on the May 4 Senate agenda would necessarily wait to be reviewed until September.

Schroeder commented that the proposal was presented to the SAPC as a change in an undergraduate degree program, but it was more complicated than that. The SAPC wished to see a rationale for the proposal, the need, if resources were currently available, as well as if any of the departmental faculty associated with the proposal had been informed of it, because there were no letters of support from the Departments of English, History, and Political Science.

There was additional discussion about how to proceed deliberatively yet expediently. Schroeder said that if the SC was willing to put the proposal on the Senate agenda, pending the SAPC receiving the information they requested, then the same flexibility should be offered to another proposal from SAPC that was not yet officially recommended by the SAPC. Grossman clarified that his motion's intent was for the SC to discuss the proposal after the SAPC had offered a recommendation; the SC's deliberations could be done via email. The Chair noted that the deadline for receipt of information would probably be 5 pm on Thursday.

A **vote** was taken on the motion to table the SC's consideration of the UK BLUE proposal until the SAPC rendered a recommendation and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The consensus of SC members was that such a recommendation, in time for Monday's Senate meeting, would have to be handled via email by SC if the SAPC was able to deliver a positive recommendation.

ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Distillation, Wine and Brewing Studies

Schroeder explained that the **motion** from the SAPC was that the SC recommend to the Senate the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Distillation, Wine and Brewing Studies, in the Department of Horticulture in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required.

McCormick asked if the associated courses were already approved. The Chair said that courses are put on a web transmittal about the time the program is reviewed by Senate bodies to ensure both the program and associated courses are not approved one without the other. There were a few questions from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Eurhythmics [to be discussed pending receipt of SAPC-requested information]

Schroeder explained that the SAPC had some outstanding questions about the certificate and the faculty of record for the program. She said that the proposer of the certificate was also identified as the director of the certificate and also comprised the entirety of the faculty of record. Guest Cecilia Wang (FA/Music) shared information with the SC about the merits of the proposal. In response to Grossman, Schroeder explained that the SAPC had already reviewed the proposal once before; the SAPC's discussion earlier in the day was the second time concerns were raised, this time about the number of faculty required and associated resources. Schroeder added that the proposal refers to "faculty associates" in the same section as reference to faculty of record, so it was somewhat difficult to know exactly what purpose the faculty associates were to serve.

Blonder **moved** to table the proposal until the SAPC completed its review. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iv. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics [to be discussed pending receipt of SAPC-requested information]

Schroeder explained that the SAPC received all necessary information. The **motion** from the SAPC was that the SC recommend to the Senate the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics, in the Department of Biostatistics, in the College of Public Health. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Directing Forensics [to be discussed pending receipt of SAPC recommendation]

Schroeder explained that the **motion** from SAPC was that the SC recommend that the Senate approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Directing Forensics, in the School of Library and Information Science within the College of Communication and Information. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. Grossman strongly questioned whether “forensics” would be recognizable to students as a rhetoric disciplinary area, as opposed to something that would be taught in a field such as chemistry; Blonder suggested changing the certificate’s name. There were concerns among other SC members that changing the certificate name should first be vetted with the faculty involved and that the “forensics” was correctly applied to the certificate given its subject matter.

A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

c. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC) - Ernie Bailey, Chair

i. Proposed Name Change of the Center for Interprofessional Health Education, Research and Practice to the Center for Interprofessional Health Education [to be discussed pending receipt of SAOSC recommendation]

Bailey, chair of the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAOSC), explained the proposal. The **motion** from the SAOSC was that the SC recommend the Senate endorse the proposed name change of the Center for Interprofessional Health Education, Research and Practice to the Center for Interprofessional Health Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. Guest James Norton, center director, was also present and assisted in answering questions.

There was significant discussion about whether the name change should also include a recategorization of the center from its original description as a multidisciplinary center because the research and practice portions of its activities were not as prominent as originally presented. The general consensus was that the categorization of the center should be addressed in the near future. However, because multidisciplinary research centers in general are sometimes not well overseen and there are questions about how such a change would be proposed, it was acceptable to change the name and question its specific categorization at a later date. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Update on Proposed Name Change of the Department of Health Behavior to the Department of Health, Behavior, & Society

Bailey provided an update. A request was made that the proposer discuss the proposal with the Department of Sociology. Because the proposer did not seem interested in doing so prior to the end of the semester, Bailey said the SAOSC would take up the proposal again in the fall.

6. Provost Tim Tracy - Strategic Plan Update (arriving 4:30 pm)

Provost Tim Tracy spoke to SC members about next steps for UK’s Strategic Plan. There were a variety and number of questions from SC members.

8. Tentative Senate Agenda for May 4, 2015

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda. There were comments about the two proposals that may not be reviewed if the SAPC does not offer a formal recommendation. Due to concerns about time, the SC opted to remove the agenda item about standardized meetings patterns and put it on the September Senate meeting agenda. Porter **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for May 4 and Bailey **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

2. Old Business

a. Planning for Senate's Second Reading on Proposed *Governing Regulation* on Faculty Disciplinary Action

SC members deliberated on the most effective way to present the amendments to the proposed *Governing Regulation* on faculty disciplinary action to the Senate. The SC did not spend time discussing the specific merits of the amendments, but rather the best way to present them for a successful and organized Senate meeting. Parliamentarian Seago answered a variety of questions about parliamentary rules.

The Chair noted that two amendments from one senator were received after the deadline and asked SC for its input. Christ **moved** to include that late submission with the amendments presented to the Senate and Bailey **seconded**. SC members were clear that written amendments would be discussed prior to any that came up from the floor during the Senate meeting. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed and one abstaining. Upon request, Guest Marcy Deaton, associate legal counsel, offered her thoughts on possible next steps for the proposed new *GR*, but stated that her comments were not intended to set in stone a possible path.

The Chair said that given the comments offered during the discussion, he would send an additional email to senators to let them know about the amendments also being posted and ask senators to read the amendments in advance. If there were any concerns, it would be good for senators to have time to discuss the amendments with those senators proposing the amendments. Blonder suggested that the Senate's unusually early start time (2 pm) should be clearly communicated to senators when the agenda was sent out.

There being no further business to attend to, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn. Bailey so **moved** and McCormick **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The SC meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Brown, Christ, Grossman, Hippisley, Kraemer, Mazur, McCormack, Porter, Watt, and Wilson.

Invited guests present: Timothy Bill, Anna Bosch, David Brennen, Heather Bush, Joanne Davis, Marcy Deaton, Seth DeBolt, James Norton, Margaret Schroeder, Tim Tracy, Cecilia Wang, and Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, May 7, 2015.