

Senate Council  
April 29, 2019

The Senate Council met in regular session at 2 pm on Monday, April 29, 2019 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 Jennifer Bird-Pollan called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

1. Minutes from April 15, 2019 and Announcements

The Chair announced that Brett Spear will be stepping down from Senate Council effective May 7, 2019. The person who received the next most votes in the last SC election was Allison Soult, so she plans to join the SC at their retreat, scheduled for May 8, 2019. The Chair congratulated Soult, who was present, and SC members welcomed her to the group. The Chair thanked Spear for his service.

The Chair said she is finalizing plans for the May 8 retreat and asked SC members to provide her with any additional requests for agenda items.

The Chair mentioned she attended the Provost's Academic Leadership meeting last week, along with some SC members, and will discuss it with the SC later in more detail. She explained the Provost shared the tentative plan for tuition pricing for online courses and programs. Questions remain, but the Provost's office has offered to discuss this with anyone who would like more information.

The Chair reported that the family of one of the In Memoriam degree recipients approved at the last Senate meeting will not be coming to the May graduation ceremony. Instead, the family would prefer to come at a later date, so they will stay in contact and will be invited to attend when they are ready.

The Chair announced that Lee Blonder was re-elected Faculty Trustee and was attending the Board of Trustees meeting that day.

The Chair said the members of the Outstanding Senator Committee have chosen a recipient, but that person is not able to attend the May Senate meeting. This will be announced instead at the first Senate meeting in the fall.

The Chair mentioned that the President's evaluation is still ongoing and encouraged SC members and guests to complete the survey.

Lastly, the Chair shared that the minutes from the April 15, 2019 SC meeting were not ready yet and would be voted on at the May retreat.

2. Degree Recipients

a. Honorary Degrees

The Chair invited Guest Morris Grubbs (Graduate School assistant dean for graduate student professional development) to present three Honorary degree nominees put forward by the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD). The Chair reminded SC members that this information is confidential and should not be discussed outside of the meeting. Grubbs described the three nominees, the Honorary degrees for which they had been nominated, and the three different ceremonies at which these would be awarded, if approved.

Cross **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC approve DYW as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Cramer

**seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. Because the recommendation from the UJCHD was to award the degree to DYW at an August 2019 ceremony for the Commemoration of 70 Years of Integration, Cross **moved** to confer the Honorary degree to DYW at a ceremony other than a commencement ceremony, in accordance with SR 5.4.2.3 ("Conditions of Circumstance for Honorary Degrees"). Brion **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Hall **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC approve PGP as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Brion **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Cramer **moved** the elected faculty members of SC approve FJH as the recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Engineering, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Osterhage **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair confirmed that Brian Jackson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School, will attend the May 6 Senate meeting to present these nominees.

The Chair said she had an additional announcement that she intended to share earlier, regarding the percentage of faculty in each of the colleges that are in the clinical title series as compared to faculty appointments in the tenure-track title series. She shared a report from the Provost's office detailing these percentages, current as of April 2019, which was provided to the SC in accordance with AR 2:6, Part IX. She noted that the College of Medicine faculty had voted to increase the permitted ratio to 300% so that they are in compliance. Davy Jones questioned when the ME faculty had voted to approve this, and the Chair said she would ask G.T. Lineberry in the Provost's office to verify this information.

### 3. Request for Nonstandard Calendars from College of Dentistry

The Chair invited Guest Howard Roberts (director, College of Dentistry Graduate Studies) to present a request for a nonstandard calendar for the 2019-2020 courses in the Dental graduate programs. Roberts explained the College of Dentistry is always on a nonstandard calendar, but the courses have not been explicitly approved as such. Because of this, international students have difficulty explaining why they are required to be at UK during the summer months. If approved for nonstandard calendars, it will be clear moving forward that these courses are offered on a January-June or July-December schedule.

The Chair noted that moving forward these will be courses will be explicitly incorporated into the annual nonstandard calendar request put forward by the College of Dentistry. There were no questions from SC members. Osterhage **moved** to amend the College of Dentistry 2019-2020 calendar in accordance with the request. Hall **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### 4. Nominees for College of Agriculture Dean Summative Review Committee

The Chair reported that Nancy Cox (dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment) is due for a summative review this year, as described in AR 3:16. She described the composition of the review committee, which includes one member to be chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Senate. The Chair said Annie Weber (Assistant Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness) is requesting the SC provide her with a list of nominees soon, as the committee will be formed in the next two weeks. SC members nominated various faculty members from the Colleges of Medicine, Engineering, Arts & Sciences, and Law. Brion **moved** to approve the list of five nominees offered by SC members. Cross **seconded**. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Aaron Cramer, Chair

Cramer, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained that Allison Soult, SAPC member, would be presenting three of the proposals on his behalf due to conflicts of interest.

i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Power Systems

Soult explained the proposal. Guest Yuan Liao (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering) responded to a question from Brion. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Power Systems, in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

ii. Proposed New University Scholars Program between the BSCOE Computer Engineering and PhD Electrical Engineering

Soult explained the proposal. Cramer responded to a question from Brion. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program in BSCOE Computer Engineering and PhD Electrical Engineering, in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

iii. Proposed New University Scholars Program between the BSEE Electrical Engineering and PhD Electrical Engineering

Soult explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new University Scholars Program in BSEE Electrical Engineering and PhD Electrical Engineering, in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

iv. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Business

Cramer explained the proposal. Guest Nicole Jenkins (BE/Executive Associate Dean for Administration, Faculty & Research) responded to several questions. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate: Business, in the Gatton College of Business and Economics. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Biopharmaceutical Engineering

Cramer explained the proposal. He also explained that two of the related courses for the certificate are on the agenda for the Undergraduate Council meeting on April 30, and this is stated in the motion from SAPC for the certificate. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Biopharmaceutical Engineering, in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering within the College of Engineering under the condition that the courses CME 575 and PHS 522 are approved by the Undergraduate Council. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

vi. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Dance Majors

Cramer explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Dance Majors, in the Department of Theatre and Dance within the College of Fine Arts. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Because the certificate proposal includes the use of a P/F course, Cramer **moved** to approve the use of TA 001 in the Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Dance Majors, in accordance with SR 5.1.4 ("Courses Taken on a Pass/Basis"). Brion **seconded**. There was a brief debate, during which the Chair clarified that TA 001 is already approved as a P/F course. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

vii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Diversity and Inclusivity Awareness

Cramer explained the proposal. Guest Kalea Benner (SW/ Director of Undergraduate Studies) responded to a question from the Chair. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Diversity and Inclusivity Awareness, in the College of Social Work. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

viii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Design Literacy: Developing an Online Presence

Cramer explained the proposal. Guest Liz Swanson (DS/Architecture) responded to several questions and noted that the Faculty of Record would be updated to include Ruth Adams and Robert Jensen, in place of two staff members currently listed. Swanson also agreed to contact Jeff Rice (AS/Writing, Rhetoric and Digital Studies) to discuss any potential overlap. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Digital Design Literacy: Developing an Online Presence, in the College of Design. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

SC members discussed amending the motion to include a condition that WRD be contacted and/or provide a letter of support for the certificate. Cross **moved** to amend the committee's motion to send the proposal to the Senate with a recommendation from the SC. Brion **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion to amend the committee's motion **passed** with none opposed and two abstained. Doug Michael, Parliamentarian, clarified that the SAPC can recommend to the Senate, so the SC does not have to act on the proposal at all.

A vote was taken on the SAPC's amended motion and it **passed** with none opposed.

ix. Proposed New BS in Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling

Cramer explained the proposal. Guest Claudia Heath (AG/Family Sciences) responded to several questions. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new BS degree in Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling, in the Department of Family Sciences, within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed.

During debate, Guest Jennifer Siebenthaler (BE/ Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs) noted an email from Nicole Jenkins (BE/Executive Associate Dean for Administration, Faculty & Research) sent

earlier that day to Heath and others. Jenkins had shared a concern regarding the requirement of a minor in the proposed new BS, without an exclusion of minors and certificates offered by Gatton, and was unsure how this would affect their accreditation (Jenkins had explained that if 25% or more of the required courses for the program include business-like content, this would be not be in accordance with the Gatton College's accreditation requirements).

Guest Larry Grabau (AG/Associate Dean for Instruction) noted that the proposal now indicates that students majoring in this program would have to request permission to enroll in any minor or certificate, which could be declined at the discretion of B&E. Grabau suggested using this mechanism for excluding these majors from enrolling in B&E minors, rather than explicitly listing the exclusion in the bulletin. Siebenthaler responded that the issue relates to the fact that the minor or certificate would be fulfilling a *requirement* for students in the major, which would increase the business-like content of the program above 25%.

Heath offered to remove the requirement of a minor or certificate from the program proposal. There was a brief discussion regarding this. Heath proposed removing the second and third sentences in section 7.p of the proposal (narrative for the bulletin) and revising the answer to question 2.i (regarding the requirement of a minor or certificate) to "No." Siebenthaler believed this addressed the accreditation concerns and had no further requests.

Brion **moved** to amend the committee's motion to approve the proposal with revisions to section 7.p and to question 2.i in the proposal, as proposed during debate. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion to amend the committee's motion **passed** with none opposed and two abstained.

A vote was taken on the SAPC's amended motion and it **passed** with none opposed.

x. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies

Cramer explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Liberal Studies, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

xi. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Explosives and Blasting

Cramer explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Explosives and Blasting, in the Department of Mining Engineering within the College of Engineering. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

xii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion

Cramer explained the proposal. Guest Cristina Alcalde (AS/Gender and Women's Studies) responded to a question from Brion. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

xiii. Proposed Change to BA/BS Communication

Cramer explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the significant change to the BA/BS in Communication, in the Department of Communication within the College of Communication and Information. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Herman Farrell, Chair

The Chair proposed moving the two proposals regarding suspensions to the end of the list for the SAASC, as the discussions for these would most likely be relatively quick. SC members agreed.

i. Proposed Suspension of Admissions and Closure of BA/BS in Latin American Studies

Farrell, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation to waive the open hearings and disclosure requirements that are set forth in SR 3.4.2.B.2., because of the extended time period where no students were enrolled in this program (since 2008). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair said the next **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation to approve the proposal to close the BA/BS in Latin American Studies. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed Suspension and Deletion of BHS in Physician Assistant Studies (PAST-BHS)

Farrell explained the proposal. He explained that a notice of an open hearing (pursuant to SR 3.4.2.B.2) to be held during the SAASC meeting on April 25, 2019 was sent to the constituencies affected by this program closing, and no objections were heard at the meeting. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation to approve the proposal to suspend and close the BHS in Physician Assistant Studies. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed Change to Bulletin Language on College of Engineering's Admissions Requirements

Farrell explained the proposal. The Chair called for questions of fact, and Davy Jones (ME/Toxicology and Cancer Biology, chair of Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC)) noted that the undergraduate admissions exceptions should be codified in the SRs, and the relevant information from the bulletin should be included in the SRs. Guest Kim Anderson (EN /Chemical and Materials Engineering, Associate Dean for Administrative and Academic Affairs) agreed that the Engineering admissions criteria should be in the SRs, and Jones offered to work with her to get this added.

Tagavi requested clarification on the language regarding alternative admission routes and, after discussion, Anderson agreed to make the following changes to the proposal: adding the word "both" to line 5 and adding the word "or" to the first alternative admission criteria.

The Chair said the **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation to approve the proposed changes to the bulletin language on the College of Engineering's Admissions Requirements. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iv. Proposed Change to Senate Rules 4.2.2.9.2.2 (Gatton College of Business and Economics Upper-Division Admissions Requirements)

Farrell explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation to approve the proposed change to SR 4.2.2.9.2.2 regarding the Gatton College of Business and Economics upper-division admissions requirements. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. Proposed Change to College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Minimum Graduation Requirements

Farrell explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation to approve the proposed change to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment minimum graduation requirements. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

vi. Proposed Change to BA/BS Communication

Farrell explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation to approve the proposed change to the BA/BS Communication. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

vii. Proposed Change to BA Arts Administration

Farrell explained the proposal. There were no questions of fact. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAASC was a recommendation to approve the proposed change to the BA Arts Administration. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

viii. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules Related to Lewis Honors College

Farrell explained the proposal and the discussions held between his committee and the proposers. Guest Christian Brady (Lewis Honors College Dean) provided some further background for the proposal, explaining the rationale for the proposed changes. Part of Brady's charge when hired was to unify the "honors" terminology across the university, with "honors" being conferred from the Lewis Honors College and other possible distinctions being conferred from departments or colleges (for students in professional colleges). Farrell noted he was not comfortable supporting the proposed changes to SR 5.4.2.2 ("Conditions of Merit and Circumstance for Degree Honors") without further vetting, as the potential impact of the change is still largely unclear.

The Chair called for questions of fact. In response to questions, Brady provided an overview of how honors credentials are handled by benchmark universities and explained it can be confusing if students are able to receive honors credentials at both the departmental/college level and the university level. Guest Czar Crofcheck (Lewis Honors College Associate Dean of Academic Affairs) explained that the current rules at UK allow college deans to approve the requirements for departmental honors, which are separate from the requirements of the Lewis Honors College. SC members suggested using the terminology "programmatic" or "disciplinary" honors for any credentials separate from the Lewis Honors College.

SC members continued the discussion and ultimately considered tabling the proposed changes to SR 5.4.2.2 until they can be vetted more widely. The Chair said the **motion** from the SAASC was a

recommendation to approve the proposed changes to the SRs regarding the Lewis Honors College. There was some discussion regarding possible amendments to this motion. Tagavi **moved** to amend the motion to approve the proposed changes to the SRs for the Lewis Honors College, other than the proposed changes to SR 5.4.2.2. Brion **seconded**. Brady clarified that if the amended motion is approved, the SRs will allow for “University honors” credentials from the Lewis Honors College and “honors” credentials from departments and professional colleges until the proposed changes to 5.4.2.2 are revisited. SC members agreed. Brady requested that the newly proposed second paragraph in 5.4.2.2 remain, with the addition of the word “University” added in front of “Honors” in the first sentence of that paragraph. Brady and Crofcheck clarified that the only proposed changes in this section being tabled are those in the first paragraph. Tagavi and Brion agreed. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair stated the amended **motion** from the SAASC. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was needed. There was no debate. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 6. Tentative Senate Agenda for May 6, 2019

SC members reviewed the tentative Senate agenda for May 6, 2019 and noted the year for the first item on the agenda (“Minutes from April 22, 2016 and Announcements”) needed to be revised. Cramer suggested reordering the agenda items to place the Consumer Economics proposal last on his committee’s list of items, with the Digital Design proposal being next to last. He also suggested placing the three proposals Soult would be presenting together on the agenda. Brion recommended moving the program suspensions to the top of the SAASC’s list of items.

Osterhage **moved** to approve the Senate agenda for May 6, 2019 and Brion **seconded**. A vote was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 7. Recommendation from Senate's Academic Programs Committee

Cramer explained his committee recommends piloting a campus-wide notification system for new program proposals as they reach the Undergraduate Council or Graduate Council. This will allow for earlier notification to deans and associate deans when new programs are proposed to hopefully prevent objections later in the Senate’s review process. SC members were very supportive of the idea, and Cramer stated his committee would prepare a proposal for discussion at the SC retreat.

#### 8. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

There being no additional business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Bird-Pollan,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bird-Pollan, Brion, Cramer, Cross, Hall, Osterhage, Spear, Tagavi, and Walker.

Invited guests present: Cristina Alcalde, Kim Anderson, Karen Badger, Kalea Benner, Jon Silva Castro, Herman Farrell, Larry Grabau, Morris Grubbs, Claudia Heath, Scott Hutson, Nicole Jenkins, Davy Jones, Yuan Liao, Meg Marquis, Kelly McAninch, Doug Michael, Howard Roberts, Rachel Shane, Jennifer Siebenthaler, Allison Soult, Liz Swanson, Shari Veil.

Prepared by Joanie Ett-Mims on Friday, May 24, 2019.