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The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, August 14, 2017 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 Katherine M. McCormick called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:06 pm. The Chair suggested that those present introduce themselves; guests and members did so.

1. Minutes from May 8, 2017 and May 11, 2017 and Announcements

The Chair said that she had received a few editorial suggestions for the minutes from May 8. There being **no objections**, the minutes from May 8, 2017 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**. Regarding the minutes from May 11, the Chair said that a few editorial suggestions had been received for those minutes, too. There being **no objections**, the minutes from May 11, 2017 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair noted that there were a large number of announcements, some of which were actions she took on behalf of SC and the University Senate over the summer. She referred SC members to the handout of announcements for details [see below for the details]. She welcomed a new SC member, Tagavi, who would serve out the remainder of a departing SC member's term.

Actions Taken on Behalf of SC/Senate

Calendar Change (College of Medicine 2017-18 Calendar): Added the following dates: July 4 holiday for all students; Sept 4 (Labor Day) as holiday for all students; added November 22 – 26 as Thanksgiving holiday for first-year and second-year students; November 23 – 26 as Thanksgiving holiday for third-year and four-year students; and December 16 as the beginning of winter break for all students

Calendar Change (College of Dentistry 2017-18 Calendar): Combine hooding and commencement ceremonies on May 12, instead of having them on two separate days.

Late Addition to Degree List (Fine Arts): Approved amending something the Senate previously adopted (the May 2017 degree list) for [name] by conferring upon [name] a BS in Digital Media and Design and rescinding the BA in Art Studio previously conferred in error.

Late Addition to Degree List (Law): Approved amending the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 2017 Senate meeting by adding a Juris Doctor for [name] and recommending through the President through the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017.

Late Addition to Degree List (Public Health): Approved amending the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding a Bachelor of Public Health degree for [name] and recommending through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017.

Waiver of Senate Rule 5.3.1.1 ("Repeat Option"): Approved waiver of the requirement that a student be enrolled in order to utilize the repeat option. The student was expelled from UK for non-academic reasons and will never be allowed to enroll at UK again. That being said, the student was attempting to transfer to another institution and we would like to see this student succeed at their new institution, regardless of the reason for their departure from UK. The student took a course during the spring 2015 semester. The student earned a D and retook the class in fall 2016 and during that attempt the student earned a C. The student did not apply formally for the repeat option because (1) the student

did not expect to be expelled from the University and (2) had a small window of time (expelled in March, 2017) in which to apply/request the repeat option.

Chair offered provisional approval of one course: MA 109 (to be included in UK Core)

Additional News

- Appointment of Joe McGillis as University Ombud.
- Bob Lorch to serve on Transportation Committee.
- UK is closing Commonwealth Village.
- State/Financial Context – recap of meeting with Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday.
- Title Series Committee Recommendations – draft report is ready and Chair will meet with that committee’s chair and the Provost to discuss the report before distributing it to the SC.

Updates to Senate’s Website

- Senate’s website previously included records on Senate meetings back to 2008-09, but now includes all Senate meetings through 1993-94.
- The website previously included web transmittals back to 2009-10, but now includes all transmittals back to 2006-2007. There were also miscellaneous improvements to existing transmittals, including correcting dates for most transmittals prior to 2015-16 academic year.
- The ability to search Senate minutes and transcripts has been built into the Senate’s site, but has not been retroactively applied. In other words, future minutes and transcripts will be searchable immediately, but prior meetings need to be fixed individually, as time permits.

Other Announcements

- Jennifer Bird-Pollan is the recipient of the College of Law’s 2017 Duncan Teaching Award, which promotes outstanding teaching performance at the college.
- The Senate website now has information on what approvals are needed for curricular proposals and what approvals are needed for borrowed courses.
- There have been leadership changes at Kentucky’s Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (COSFL). [The Chair handed out an email from the new COSFL chair, which outlined the changes.]

2. Nominees for Health Care Clinical Sciences Area Committee

SC members discussed possible nominees and identified five faculty members from the College of Dentistry.

3. Degree Recipients

a. Late Additions to May 2017 Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2)

- Late Addition to Degree list – College of Law Student CM-10
- Late Addition to Degree List – College of Law Student MA-33
- Late Addition to Degree List – College of Law Student MS-39
- Late Addition to Degree List – College of Law Student SS-65

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Guest Doug Michael (LA, associate dean for academic affairs) explained that Law had used an in-house degree application process when the errors occurred. Because neither he nor the current Law registrar were in their respective positions at that time he was at a loss as to why the information did not transfer correctly to SAP. He said his best guess was that the graduation applications for the four students in question may have been entered before the application was up and running. He added that Law's registrar was working with the University Registrar to move Law to UK's degree application system so this sort of mistake does not recur.

Schroeder **moved** that the SC recommend that the elected faculty senators amend the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding the Juris Doctor of Law for students CM-10, MA-33, MS-39, and SS-65 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017. Cross **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. Late Addition to Degree List – College of Arts and Sciences Student HA-81

Guest Ruth Beattie (AS/Biology, associate dean for advising) explained the error. The student submitted a degree application for December 2016 but was unable to complete the requirements by that date. The student then applied for a May 2017 degree. When December degrees were certified, it is possible that when the December application was denied, the May 2017 application may have been denied inadvertently.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend that the elected faculty senators amend the May 2017 degree list adopted at the May 1, 2017 Senate meeting by adding the BS Biology for student HA-81 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective May 2017. Bailey **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed Change to 2017-18 Spring Semester Calendar – Expansion of Commencement Ceremony Dates - Jay Blanton, Executive Director of Public Relations/Marketing and John Herbst, Executive Director of Student Services

Guest John Herbst (executive director of student services), with the assistance of David Timoney (associate registrar for communications and publications), gave SC members a report on the spring 2017 experiment with two days of Commencement ceremonies in May, instead of having three (or four) ceremonies on one day. He explained that the intent was for all future May Commencement ceremonies to be held on two separate days. There will always be ceremonies scheduled for the Friday of finals week, but the second day will be Saturday if the Derby is held on another weekend, or on Sunday if the Derby occurs on the preceding day.

There were a variety of questions and comments from SC members. Schroeder asked about the feasibility of changing finals week so that no finals fall on the Friday of May Commencement. Timoney responded that the Registrar's area had been looking into that as a possible solution, but as more research was done, it became clearer to them that moving away from having finals on the Friday of finals week in May was a much larger issue than they had previously thought. They are still working on the issue and Timoney indicated that a solution could be proposed in the spring semester.

When discussion wound down, the Chair noted that there was an action item – changing the calendar for 2017-18 to include a second day of Commencement ceremonies. Grossman **moved** to approve the change and Bailey **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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5. Nominations for Participation in Board of Trustees' 2016-17 Evaluation of President Eli Capilouto

The Chair explained that the President's office had asked that SC nominate six new names of faculty to participate in the 2016-17 evaluation of President Eli Capilouto. SC members discussed possible nominees and identified six faculty to send forward.

6. Review of Board of Trustees' 2016-17 Questions Used in Evaluation of President Eli Capilouto

The Chair said that she had been asked by the President's office to share with SC the questions that will be used by the Board of Trustees for President Eli Capilouto's annual evaluation. SC was asked to review the questions and offer comments. SC members discussed the questions, focusing primarily on "Leadership" and "Relationships with Constituencies." Ultimately, SC identified a minor typographical error in one question, suggested the addition of a new question in the section "Leadership," and suggested question two in the section "Relationships with Constituencies" be slightly reworded and broken into four separate questions.

7. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

SC members chatted about the President's campuswide email from Sunday, August 13, in response to the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

There being no additional business to attend to, Cross **moved** to adjourn and Schroeder **seconded**. SC members voted with their feet and the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine McCormick,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Bird-Pollan, Blonder, Childress, Cross, Grossman, Lauersdorf, McCormick, Schroeder, Tagavi, Wood.

Invited guests present: Ruth Beattie, Holly Hatfield, John Herbst, Doug Michael, and David Timoney.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, August 17, 2017.