

Senate Council
August 29, 2016

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, August 29, 2016 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 2:59 pm.

The Chair suggested deferring approval of the minutes until later in the meeting and there were no objections.

2. Provost Tim Tracy - Transforming Academic Excellence

Provost Tracy spoke with SC members for about 30 minutes, explaining the rationale for the reorganization of Undergraduate Education and affiliated units. There were a variety of questions from SC members. When Provost Tracy had to depart to attend another meeting, Guest Kirsten Turner, associate provost for academic excellence operations, offered additional information and answered questions.

1. Minutes from August 22, 2016 and Announcements

Blonder **moved** to approve the minutes from August 22, 2016 and Wood **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair offered a number of announcements.

- There will be no meeting on Monday, September 5 [due to Labor Day].
- The SC meeting on September 19 conflicts with an event arranged by past chair Hippisley for UK's Constitution Day celebrations. The Chair said that she would need to introduce a guest at the Senate-sponsored event at W. T. Young Library at 3 pm and asked SC members for guidance on whether or not to hold the SC meeting as usual. SC members discussed the matter and there were no objections to the suggestion that the SC meeting begin at 3:30 pm instead of 3 pm, to give the Chair time to get back to the Main Building from W. T. Young Library.
- SC has been asked to provide two nominees to serve on the search committee for a permanent associate provost for student and academic life. The Chair will solicit nominations from the SC via the listserv. She added that the consultant search firm the Provost will engage could meet with SC to get a better idea of what SC and faculty would like to see in the job description for that position.
- The Chair is working on language for a solicitation to senators to participate in the joint Provost-SC blue ribbon committee to deliberate on the Graduate School. The Chair will send the language to SC members via the listserv prior to emailing senators.
- The Chair checked with Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement G. T. Lineberry about rumors that faculty would be required to hold four hours weekly of office hours. The Chair reported that Lineberry said that did not come from his office although he appreciated being informed of the issue.

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- The Chair is in the process of orienting the new chair of the Senate's UK Core Education Committee (UKCEC). With the loss of the associate provost for undergraduate education and the entire Undergraduate Education area, it has fallen to the Chair to ensure the Undergraduate Council, UKCEC, and the Advisory Committee for Graduation Composition and Communication (ACGCCR) are populated. The Chair noted that Jane Jensen and Scott Yost will continue to co-chair the ACGCCR.
- Michael Healy will serve again as academic ombud for 2016-17.
- Phil Harling, the interim dean for the Honors College, will give senators an update on the activities of the Honors College Transition Committee at the November Senate meeting.

3. Degree Recipients

a. Second August 2016 Degree List

Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty senators of the SC approve UK's second August 2016 list of candidates for degrees, on behalf of the Senate and through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended degrees to be conferred by the Board. Mazur **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Late Addition to the Degree List (per Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2)

i. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (May 2016 Degree List) for Communication and Information Student BA-17: Bestow BS Communication and Rescind BA Communication

Grossman **moved** to amend something previously adopted (May 2016 degree list) for Communication and Information student BA-17 by bestowing a BS Communication and rescinding the BA Communication. Mazur **seconded**. Guest Suanne Early explained that the actions were needed to correct mistakes she made when she was new in her position. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (May 2016 Degree List) for Communication and Information Student ED-08: Bestow BS Media Arts and Studies and Rescind BA Media Arts and Studies

Grossman **moved** to amend something previously adopted (May 2016 degree list) for Communication and Information student ED-08 by bestowing a BS Media Arts and Studies and rescinding the BA Media Arts and Studies. Wood **seconded**. Guest Suanne Early explained that the actions were needed to correct mistakes she made when she was new in her position. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Election of Vice Chair

Mazur **moved** to open the floor for nominations for the position of SC vice chair. Schroeder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. Mazur nominated Bailey to serve as vice chair. In response to a question from Bailey, McCormick explained that the vice chair reviews Senate minutes, monitors attendance of senators, and stands in for the chair if the chair is absent.

Blonder **moved** to close nominations and Porter **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Wood **moved** to accept Bailey's nomination and elect Bailey to the position of vice chair by acclamation. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

SC members thanked Bailey for his service with a round of applause.

The Chair suggested moving to honorary degrees and there were no objections.

8. Degree Recipients

a. Honorary Degree Nominee for December 2016 - Interim Graduate School Dean Brian Jackson

Guest Brian Jackson, interim dean of the Graduate School, presented SC members with the two recommended nominees for honorary degrees. Jackson noted that the votes by the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees (UJCHD) were unanimous.

Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty senators of the SC approve the recommendation of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for honorary degree candidate DB on behalf of the University Senate and through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended honorary degree to be conferred by the Board of Trustees. Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty senators of the SC approve the recommendation of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for honorary degree candidate MB on behalf of the University Senate and through the President to the Board of Trustees, as the recommended honorary degree to be conferred by the Board of Trustees. Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Senate Committee Compositions

SC members discussed the prepared Senate committee compositions and made a few changes. Regarding committees without returning chairs, SC members also identified committee members for the Chair to contact about serving as committee chairs.

Mazur **moved** to approve the Senate committee compositions as modified and discussed by the SC and Schroeder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Tentative Senate Agenda for September 12, 2016

SC members discussed the tentative agenda for September 12 but did not make any changes. Wood **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for September 12, 2016 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules. Porter **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Given the time, Porter **moved** to adjourn and Schroeder **seconded**. SC members voted with their feet and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Blonder, Brown, Grossman, Mazur, McCormick, Porter, Schroeder, and Wood.

Invited guests present: Suanne Early, Kirsten Turner, and Tim Tracy.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, August 30, 2016.