

Senate Council  
December 19, 2011

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, December 19, 2011 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

The Chair asked SC members to each give their impressions of the December 12, 2011 Senate meeting, which they did; some of the comments are below.

- There was some confusion regarding the presentation from the Senate's Academic Planning & Priorities Committee (SAP&PC) and what the SAP&PC intends to do. There was some feedback received by SC members that also included excitement about cultivating a group to thing along innovate lines and foster ideas.
- President Eli Capilouto's presentation was well received. There was a comment that the charge to the committee regarding human capital was too vague. There was also a question about how Huron Consulting will be assisting, and if there will be a workgroup for each of the four areas of interest/review of which the President spoke. It was very nice for the President to attend a Senate meeting. In the media, President Capilouto handled the issue about renovating/replacing Rupp Arena very well. His comments about the growth of the medical enterprise lacked clarity.
- There was a good balance between action and informational agenda items.

1. Minutes from December 5, 2011 and Announcements

There were a few announcements.

- Board of Trustees Chair Britt Brockman will get together with the SC on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, to discuss issues of importance to the SC.
- The President is hosting a "Welcome Back" event for senators on Thursday, January 19.
- In conjunction with Mrs. Brothers' wishes, the Office of the Senate Council is going to undergo a program assessment.
- The issue of distance learning (DL) materials created by a faculty member and associated intellectual property concerns is going to be addressed via a yet-to-be-composed committee, with a goal of proposing wording for a policy to be adopted into the *Administrative Regulations* regarding the development of instructional materials, including distance learning. The Chair will contact college curriculum committees to ask for representatives to serve on said committee. The charge for the joint Provost-SC committee will be approved by the SC.
- The Gatton College of Business and Economics is reorganizing itself and requested a suspension of admissions into the BBA in Analytics for one year. There was discussion among SC members about the appropriate process to follow. After discussion, Grossman **moved** that the SC act on

behalf of the University Senate to suspend admissions in the BBA in Analytics for the 2012-2013 academic year, as per the request of the appropriate Business and Economics faculty, effective immediately. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

- The Chair thanked departing SC members Blonder, Kelly, Pienkowski and Steiner for their work. She also thanked the SC officer nominating committee members (Kelly, Steiner and Wood) and said she thought it worked very well. Others agreed. There was some discussion about the nomination process for SC officers.
- The first SC meeting of the year will be on Monday, January 9, 2012.
- The new SC members beginning January 1, 2012 are Debra Anderson, Gail Brion, Allison Davis, and Elizabeth Debski.

Wood **moved** to approve the SC minutes from December 5, 2011 and Grossman **seconded**. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

## 2. Old Business

### c. Honors Unit Faculty Committee (Composition)

After brief discussion about the Honors Program discussion at the Senate meeting, SC members discussed various faculty members to serve on the Honors Unit Faculty Committee. Guest Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Mike Mullen shared a list of possible members with the SC and also identified a shorter list to fill the committee. There was discussion about the right combination of faculty members for the broadest representation possible.

After some time, Grossman **moved** that the Chair take the input given during the discussion to appoint members of the Honors Unit Faculty Committee. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

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### b. SC ad hoc Committee on Faculty Productivity and Accountability (Composition and Charge)

After brief discussion, there was general consensus that if “development” is also added to the name of the committee, it will accurately reflect the purpose of the committee. The focus will be limited to faculty aspects and will not include administration.

There was extensive discussion regarding both the composition and charge for the Committee on Faculty Productivity and Accountability. It was agreed to change the “recommendations” phrase of the charge just slightly.

Grossman **moved** that the SC form the Committee on Faculty Productivity, Accountability and Development with the composition as described in the handout, and the following charge:

Evaluate current UK policies regarding post-tenure faculty performance reviews (*Administrative Regulations 3:8* (“Appendix II: Faculty Workload Policy Statement – University System”); *Administrative Regulations 3:10* (“Policies for Faculty Performance Review”); and *Administrative Regulations 3:11* (“Tenured Faculty Review and

Development Policy”)); make recommendations for new processes that help faculty meet emerging challenges; and propose incentives for innovation and creativity.

McCormick **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

### 3. SC Officer Elections

The Chair thanked all SC members who agreed to run for the position of SC chair. She asked Kelly to report on the feedback received by the nominating committee, which he did. Kelly then explained that the process for voting would be very simple – SC members will be asked to write down the name of the nominee that is believed to be the best candidate for the position. Ballots will not be ranked.

Kelly explained that Blonder, Coyne and Grossman were the nominees for the position of chair. There were no nominations from the floor.

Mrs. Brothers distributed pieces of paper to SC members for voting. Subsequent to voting, Mrs. Brothers and Kelly counted the pieces of paper twice. Kelly announced that by a margin of one vote, Blonder won the election for SC chair. Blonder said she was honored and appreciated the confidence of those who voted for her. She said she would spend the next several months shadowing the Chair to ensure continuity of existing activities and a smooth transition.

Kelly explained that McCormick and Wood were the nominees for the position of vice chair. Wasilkowski asked if the individuals who ran for chair but were not elected were interested in serving as vice chair. Coyne declined and Grossman said he was interested in standing for the position of vice chair.

Mrs. Brothers distributed pieces of paper to SC members for voting. Subsequent to voting, Mrs. Brothers and Kelly counted the pieces of paper twice. Kelly announced that Grossman received the highest number of votes for the position of vice chair. Grossman said he was delighted to serve under Blonder.

Both Blonder and Grossman were elected for terms beginning June 1, 2012 and ending May 31, 2013.

There being no further business to conduct, the SC meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Blonder, Coyne, Grossman, Kelly, McCormick, Peek, Steiner, Swanson, Wasilkowski and Wood.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guest present: Mike Mullen.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, January 6, 2012.