

Senate Council
December 3, 2007

The Senate Council met at 3 pm in 103 Main Building on Monday, December 3, 2007. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Kaveh A. Tagavi called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. He reported that Provost's Liaison Greissman and Dembo would be absent, and that Wood had to leave early.

1. Minutes from November 19 & November 26 and Announcements

The Chair said that there were a few grammatical corrections to the minutes from November 19, which were shown in track changes in the handout. There were no further revisions. Wood **moved** to approve the minutes from November 19. Finkel **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously with seven in favor.

The Chair then directed attention to the minutes from November 26. There were no changes received. Hearing no objections, the minutes from November 26 were approved as distributed.

Moving to announcements, the Chair asked Senate Council (SC) members to help decide when the first meeting of the SC in January would be. After brief discussion, it was determined that the first meeting in 2008 would be held on January 14.

Due to the need of some SC members to leave early, the Chair suggested the elections for officers be held immediately, after which remaining agendas items could be addressed. There were no objections.

2. Senate Council Officer Elections

The Chair asked that Michael, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), preside over the election portion of the meeting.

Michael said that the election for chair would be conducted first. Robert's Rules of Order allowed for a written ballot with a write-in name. Michael said that he prepared ballots to use with space for a write-in candidate, along with a list of eligible nominees. He said that Lesnaw and Randall had been nominated. He handed out the ballots and eligible SC members wrote the name of their choice for the office of chair.

Mrs. Brothers was asked to **count the ballots**. Mrs. Brothers did so and counted them again. She announced that Randall received seven votes and Lesnaw received three. Therefore, Randall was **elected to serve as Senate Council chair** for the period June 1, 2008 – May 30, 2009.

Michael then moved to the election for vice chair. He noted that Aken had been nominated for the office of vice chair, but SC members could also write in a candidate. He distributed the ballots and instructed SC members to write down the name of their choice for SC vice chair.

Mrs. Brothers was asked to **count the ballots**. Mrs. Brothers did so and counted them again. She announced that Aken received nine votes and Piascik received one. Therefore, Aken was **elected to serve as Senate Council vice chair** for the period June 1, 2008 – May 30, 2009.

The Chair congratulated the winners. He also offered profuse thanks to departing SC members Harley, Lesnaw and Thelin for all their hard work on the SC and their helpful insights.

After brief discussion, SC members determined there was no need for another SC meeting in December, as there were no pending items requiring action prior to the end of the calendar year.

The Chair asked SC members to look at the proposed nominees for service on the Social Sciences Academic Area Advisory Committee. There being no objections to the two names submitted, Lesnaw **moved** to approve the two names for submission to the Office of the President. Michael **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** unanimously with nine in favor.

After a reminder from the Chair about the breakfast with President Todd, a few more members noted they would like to attend but had not yet indicated as much.

3. Academic Calendars

The Chair referred SC members to the calendars in the handout. He said that if there were concerns about a specific calendar, the calendars could be approved separately.

Wood **moved** to approve the calendars on the agenda. Piascik **seconded**. A **vote** was taken on the motion to approve the following calendars: [2008 - 2009 calendar](#); [2010 - 2011 tentative calendar](#); [2008 - 2009 dentistry calendar](#); [2010 - 2011 tentative dentistry calendar](#); [2008 - 2009 law calendar](#); [2010 - 2011 tentative law calendar](#); [2008 - 2009 medicine calendar](#); and [2010 - 2011 tentative medicine calendar](#). The motion **passed** unanimously with nine in favor.

4. Tentative Senate Agenda for December 10

The Chair asked that the change in method of appointment to the graduate faculty be added to the agenda. Wood **moved** thusly. Harley **seconded**. Wood asked about one proposed Senate agenda item that had not been heard by the SC – it had been included by mistake.

After additional discussion, Randall **moved** to request that the chair of the University Press Committee be invited to offer a report on the University Press Committee at the December Senate meeting, since there was room on the agenda for such a presentation. Aken **seconded**. The motion **passed** unanimously with nine in favor.

There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken on the motion to approve a tentative Senate agenda for December 10, with the addition of the item regarding a change in the method of appointment for graduate faculty; the deletion of the item mistakenly included; and the suggestion that there be a presentation on the University Press Committee, if possible. The motion **passed** unanimously with nine in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kaveh A. Tagavi,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Aken, Finkel, Lesnaw, Michael, Piascik, Randall, Tagavi, Thelin, Wood and Yanarella.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.