

Senate Council
December 5, 2016

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm in 103 Main Building on Monday, December 5, 2016. 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 2:58 pm.

1. Minutes from November 21 and November 28, 2016 and Announcements

The Chair said there were no changes to the minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes from November 21, 2016 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair explained that the minutes from November 28 would be ready for review by the next meeting. There were a few announcements.

- The Connect Blue reception will be Tuesday, December 13.
- A variety of faculty are working hard to review the community, culture, and citizenship component of UK Core to ensure adequate coverage around issues of power, privilege, race, and ethnicity, as well as the intersections of them all. The Chair agreed with Schroeder's assertion that disabilities should also be included in the list. The UK Core Committee chair, Eric Sanday, has had two meetings with interim Vice President for Institutional Diversity Terry Allen, and other stakeholders (Amy Spriggs, Kathi Kern, Sonja Feist Price). One of these meetings included students. The Chair said she would suggest to Sanday that he reach out to the Rowan Reid, the Student Government Association president for student involvement. The Chair added that Sanday was also interested in speaking and meeting with college associate deans as the UK Core Committee moves forward.
- The SC had previously expressed concerns about credibility of UK's data. The Chair asked for suggestions about how those concerns could be effectively expressed, or who the SC could talk with to learn more. In response to a question from Wood, the Chair clarified that she was referring to program evaluation-related data. Mazur added that it was brought up in the context of College of Education-related data pulled information from Tableau. It was brought up at SC in the context of one college, but other SC members had also expressed concern. With upcoming program reviews, it is important for the data (on which the reviews are based) to correctly reflect numbers of students, etc. Mazur wondered if the issue should be a subject of discussion for the SC's ad hoc Technology Committee. The Chair said she would prefer to first bring the issue up as a SC agenda item for formal discussion, but wondered if there were suggestions from SC members about who to engage. After brief discussion, SC members were in agreement that it would be helpful to learn more from Brian Nichols, UK's chief information officer.
- The Chair reported that Ms. Brothers and the other academic council coordinators are working on the Curriculog implementation. The SC office is also utilizing the time and expertise of Camille Harmon from the College of Arts and Sciences – the Chair expressed her appreciation for the College sharing Harmon's skills. Mazur passed along thanks from a few folks in the College of Education – they reached out and received a solution to their Curriculog-related problem quickly and were thrilled with the swift response and positive outcome. The Chair added that in addition to Harmon, the SC office was also benefitting from the temporary assistance of Joanie Ett-Mims, who is the Undergraduate Council's coordinator. The Chair said she thought the office would be fully staffed by the end of January.

- The Chair thanked Vice Chair Bailey for overseeing a good discussion the prior week in her absence. She asked Bailey if there was anything specific he wanted to mention. Bailey replied that he thought the discussion was quite good and timely; his impression was that most SC members were satisfied that Provost Tracy's intent was movement in the right direction. Bailey added that there was a minor adjustment to the process for collecting faculty input, which the Provost and Interim Graduate School Dean Brian Jackson were agreeable to.

2. Degree Recipients

a. December 2016 In Memoriam Degree List

The Chair explained that there were five In Memoriam degrees for SC members to review.

i. College of Education Student

Guest Ralph Crystal (ED/Special Education, Early Childhood, and Rehabilitation Counseling) expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to share information about the student for which he was in attendance (student B.S., who was seeking a PhD). Crystal then offered a tribute for student B. S. In response to a couple questions from Wood, Crystal confirmed that the student was formally admitted to the doctoral program in Educational Psychology and had completed program requirements up to her qualifying exams, although she had been ready to sit for them.

Blonder **moved** that the elected faculty senators approve this College of Education student (B.S.) as the recipient of an In Memoriam honorary degree, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Schroeder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. College of Nursing Student

Guest Joanne Davis (NU, assistant dean of students) offered a tribute for student C. M.

Schroeder **moved** that the SC's elected faculty senators approve this College of Nursing student (C. M.) as the recipient of an In Memoriam honorary degree, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. College of Nursing Student

Davis offered a tribute for student R. M.

Bailey **moved** that the SC's elected faculty senators approve this College of Nursing student (R. M.) as the recipient of an In Memoriam honorary degree, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Schroeder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iv. College of Nursing Student

Davis offered a tribute for student S. A. with SC members.

Lauersdorf **moved** that the SC's elected faculty senators approve this College of Nursing student (S. A.) as the recipient of an In Memoriam honorary degree, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. College of Arts and Sciences Student

Guest Ruth Beattie (AS/Biology, associate dean of advising) offered a tribute for student S. M.

Bailey **moved** that the SC's elected faculty senators approve this College of Arts and Sciences student (S. M.) as the recipient of an In Memoriam honorary degree, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Porter **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. December 2016 Degree List

Schroeder moved that the SC's elected faculty senators approve the December 2016 Degree list, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Election of Vice Chair

Brown, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee's subcommittee on Elections, explained that the SC was formally accepting nominations for an elected faculty member to serve as the vice chair. There were a few questions from SC members. Bailey indicated that he was willing to serve in that role for a second term, although he might be away from campus on sabbatical in January 2018.

Mazur **nominated** Bailey for vice chair and Grossman **seconded**. Wood **moved** to close nominations. Porter **seconded**. A **vote** was taken on the motion to close nominations and the motion **passed** with none opposed. Brown then said that there was only one remaining candidate, Bailey so the Chair ruled that Bailey was elected to the position of vice chair [term June 1, 2016 – May 30, 2018] **by acclamation**. SC members congratulated Bailey with a round of applause.

Brown said that the final voting round for faculty senators to serve on the SC would close on Thursday; at least two-thirds of eligible voters had already voted as of earlier in the day. Once the election was complete, the results would be announced to a variety of individuals, including senators.

4. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Margaret Schroeder, Chair

i. Proposed New PhD in Medical Physics with a Major in Radiation and Radiological Sciences

Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal new PhD in Medical Physics with a major in Radiation and Radiological Sciences. In response to a question from Reid, Schroeder clarified that students will receive a masters *en passant* to the PhD. There were a handful of questions from SC members. Guest Janelle Molloy (ME/Radiation Medicine) assisted Schroeder in answering questions.

Wood commented that a more proper name for the degree would be the "PhD with a major in Radiation and Radiological Sciences." Molloy was amenable to this change. Wood asked about language on the top of page three of the proposal, which indicated that students can enter the program after passing part 1 of their qualifying exams – Wood thought the wording was odd and wondered if it should instead refer to passing their pre-qualifying exams. Schroeder explained that Graduate School Dean Brian Jackson found the existing language to be acceptable, so the SAPC did not request it be changed. There were additional questions from SC members.

The Chair stated that **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new PhD degree in Medical Physics with a major in Radiation and Radiological Sciences, in the Department of Radiation Medicine within the College of Medicine. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Social Sciences Research

Schroeder explained the proposal. Guest Anna Bosch (AS/English, associate dean for undergraduate programs) was present to help answer questions. Bosch explained that it took some time to solicit and receive all the letters of support, hence the length of time it took to reach SC and Senate. There were a handful of questions from SC members.

The Chair stated that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Undergraduate Certificate in Social Sciences Research, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching

Schroeder explained the proposal and added that the College of Health Sciences was in complete support of the proposal. Guest Mark Abel (ED/Kinesiology and Health Promotion) was present to answer questions. There were a couple questions from SC members.

The Chair said that the motion from the SAPC was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in High Performance Coaching, in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for December 12, 2016

SC members discussed the timing and order of the tentative Senate agenda for December 12, 2016. During this discussion, SC members talked about what information they wanted to see in the future for In Memoriam degree requests. By the time discussion on this was finished, SC members were in agreement that they would like to have the following items available to them for each request, in advance of the meeting: University transcript and the student's progress towards degree; and description of the student's time at UK (similar to what the day's guests read/reported). There was extensive discussion about ensuring there were sufficient questions from senators for the Provost.

SC members opted to add to the Senate agenda the previously removed agenda item pertaining to the composition and chairmanship of the Senate's Committee on Distance Learning and e-Learning.

Schroeder **moved** to approve the revised, tentative Senate agenda for December 12, 2016 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules. Brown **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Given the time, Blonder **moved** to adjourn and Stekardis **seconded**. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,
Senate Council Chair

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

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Invited guests present: Mark Abel, Anna Bosch, Ralph Crystal, Joanne Davis, Jannelle Malloy, and Mark Whitaker.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, December 6, 2016.