

Senate Council
February 18, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 18, 2013 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 Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from February 4, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair reported that there were no changes or corrections received for the minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes from February 4, 2013 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair announced absences and a couple other items of interest. Interim Provost Tim Tracy invited Grossman, chair of the (Ad Hoc Committee on Multidisciplinary Centers and Programs), to present the committee's final report to college deans. SC members offered their opinions on the February 11, 2013 University Senate (Senate) meeting. A few SC members were curious as to why the President did not answer the question about what UK has learned from other institutions that have changed to a values-based budget model. There was some agreement to the sentiment that it was nice that President Capilouto attends more Senate meetings than past presidents.

2. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee – Andrew Hippisley, Chair

i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders

Hippisley, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders to SC members. A couple of questions from SC members were answered satisfactorily.

There was confusion about which faculty, from which department(s), will serve as the faculty of record and have responsibility for the graduate certificate. A question was also raised about the "Autism Institutes" referred to in the proposal, which was described as lasting one to two weeks, not a specific time frame. After some discussion, it seemed as though each Autism Institute will need to last for three weeks to qualify for three credit hours. Debski asked that the proposal include additional information about what type of assessment, and by whom, will take place during the Autism Institutes. Wood suggested the proposal will need to include specific learning objectives and outcomes for the graduate certificate itself, not for the individual courses that comprise the graduate certificate.

Grossman suggested the contact persons for the proposal revise the proposal to accommodate the four concerns (faculty of record, duration of Autism Institutes, assessment during Autism Institutes, and learning objectives and outcomes) and bring it back to the SC.

ii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Power and Energy

iii. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Voice Majors

iv. Proposed New Undergraduate Certificate in Musical Theatre for Theatre Majors

SC members suggested discussion on these three items be postponed until the contact persons were present to assist in the discussion. There was a brief discussion about undergraduate certificates in general.

Wood **moved** to table discussion on the proposals until the contact persons could be present. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Proposed Changes to *Administrative Regulations 5:4* (“Enrollment of Residents and Clinical Fellows”)

It was agreed to postpone discussion on the agenda item until an appropriate contact person could attend to answer questions about the proposed changes.

The Chair reported that Interim Provost Tim Tracy was scheduled to arrive in 30 minutes. There being no further business to attend to, SC members discussed faculty governance concerns. The Chair asked Ms. Brothers to let the Provost’s office know the SC welcomed the Provost as soon as he was available. SC members discussed the possibility of formally thanking President Eli Capilouto for compromise and collaboration during this past autumn’s budget discussions. Wasilkowski **moved** that the SC convey its gratitude to the President for compromising and for his positive response to the SC’s October 2012 budget memo. Edwards **seconded**. The Chair indicated that she would send the language of any communication around to SC members prior to sending.

4. Interim Provost Tim Tracy

The Chair welcomed Interim Provost Tim Tracy and invited him to share any updates he deemed pertinent. The Provost offered a brief update on the move to a values-based budget model and noted that more information will be publicly available as it becomes available. During the 2013/14 fiscal year, UK will use its current budgeting process, but the values-based model will run in parallel in the background. It will be fiscal year 2014-15 when the model will be fully implemented.

The Provost then led SC members in a discussion about pedagogy in regards to course scheduling; nonstandard meeting times; common exams; and final exams and dead week. There was an additional discussion about UK’s need for a testing center and possible related plans.

Provost Tracy departed shortly after 5 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Debski, Edwards, Grossman, Hippisley, Pienkowski, Wasilkowski, Watt, Wilson, Wood and Wright

Provost’s Liaison present: Richard Greissman.

Guests: Melinda Ault, Amy Spriggs and Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Friday, February 22, 2013.