

Senate Council
February 2, 2009

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 2, 2009 in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a voice vote unless indicated otherwise.

Chair David Randall called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm. The Chair expressed his appreciation to the Office of the Senate Council personnel for putting together a robust agenda, despite the bad weather during the previous week.

The Chair reported that he would need to leave early for a teaching gig. Ford, Piascik, Tagavi and Wood reported their absences in advance, Greissman would be arriving late, and Yanarella would be leaving early.

Prior to moving to announcements, the Chair suggested that those present introduce themselves, which everyone did.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The minutes from the previous meeting were not ready for review. Turning to announcements, the Chair reported that there was a student from the College of Agriculture who was preparing to apply for his fourth bachelor's degree. The *Senate Rules (SR)* only addresses a second bachelor's degree and nothing further. The Chair noted that the SC could waive the rules to allow the student in question to receive a fourth degree. While there currently is a discussion underway in one of the Senate's committees about allowing more than two bachelor's degrees, it was unlikely that a resolution would be reach in time to meet the needs of the student in question.

SC members engaged in a discussion about the request. Guest Janet Kurzynske, from the College of Agriculture, commented that the student was an employee in her department; he received his third degree without any ruling so she opined that a precedent had been set for a subsequent bachelor's degree, beyond the second.

After discussion wound down, Yanarella **moved** to set aside the limitation to two bachelor's degrees for the specific student (CT-41), in light of the fact that the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee was currently deliberating on a recommendation to the Senate to allow more than two bachelor's degrees. Anderson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** without dissent.

2. [Deletion of Minor in Quantitative Financial Analysis](#)

The Chair invited Guest Scott Kelley, from the Gatton College of Business and Economics, to explain the proposal to delete the minor in Quantitative Financial Analysis. SC members asked a few questions, which he answered.

At the end of discussion, the Chair thanked Kelley for attending and said that since there were no further questions, Kelley was free to depart. The Chair instructed SC members to make any notes about the proposal on their handouts; votes on all the proposals would be taken after the guests had departed.

3. New Graduate Certificate in Distance Education

Guest Doug Smith, from the College of Education (ED), was present to explain the proposal. He also answered a few questions from SC members. SC members noted that the proposal had initiated in 2005 and wondered if ED was still interested in the graduate certificate. Smith said that ED's curricular committee had re-reviewed the proposal recently, and did not find any need to modify the original proposal. Even though the proposal had been inexplicably lost between the time it was submitted and the time it was reviewed by the SC, ED was still keenly interested.

The Chair commented that the word "program" appeared a couple of times within the proposal, although the graduate certificate was not a program; he asked for and received permission from Smith for Mrs. Brothers to editorially change the references to a certificate program. There being no further questions, the Chair thanked Smith and he departed.

6. New Dual Degree Program: PharmD and Masters of Public Health

The Chair invited Guest Kelly Smith, from the College of Pharmacy (PH), to explain the proposal. He welcomed input from Guest Joe Fink, as well, also from PH.

Smith explained the proposal and answered a few questions from SC members. Afterwards, the Chair thanked her and Fink for attending, and they both departed.

4. New University Scholars Program: BS Hospitality Management and Tourism & MS Hospitality and Dietetics Administration

5. New University Scholars Program: BS Dietetics and MS Hospitality and Dietetics Administration

The Chair invited Janet Kurzynske, from the Department of Food Science, to explain both proposals. Guest Kurzynske did so; SC members did not raise any questions.

After Kurzynske departed, the Chair asked SC members if anyone wished to discuss the proposals further; no one expressed a desire to do so. The Chair then said that he would accept motions to approve the various proposals.

New Graduate Certificate in Distance Education

Anderson **moved** to approve the new Graduate Certificate in Distance Education and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation, to be effective immediately. Jensen **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

New Dual Degree Program: PharmD and Masters of Public Health

Kelly **moved** to approve the new dual degree program of a PharmD and Masters of Public Health and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation, to be effective immediately. Anderson **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

New University Scholars Program: BS Dietetics and MS Hospitality and Dietetics Administration

Kelly **moved** to approve the new University Scholars Program of a BS in Dietetics and an MS in Hospitality and Dietetics Administration and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Aken **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

New University Scholars Program: BS Hospitality Management and Tourism & MS Hospitality and Dietetics Administration

Anderson **moved** to approve the new University Scholars Program of a BS in Hospitality Management and Tourism and an MS in Hospitality and Dietetics Administration and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Yanarella **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair noted that he needed to leave and asked Vice Chair Aken to chair the meeting in his absence.

7. 2009 Honorary Degree Nominations

Chair Aken reminded SC members that the names of those nominated for honorary degrees should remain confidential. SC members made a few comments about the honorary degree process and the nominees. SC agreed to forward the nominations to the full Senate for action at the February 9 meeting.

8. [Tentative Senate Agenda for February 9](#)

SC members discussed various aspects of the proposed agenda. There were no objections to the proposed agenda, so it was deemed acceptable.

Respectfully submitted by David Randall,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Aken, Anderson, Jensen, Kelley, Randall, Steiner, and Yanarella.

Invited guests present: Scott Kelley, Janet Kurzynske, Joe Quinn, and Bruce Walcott.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Monday, February 9, 2009.