

Senate Council  
February 23, 2009

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 23, 2009, in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair David Randall called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:04. He reported that he intended to rearrange the day's agenda to accommodate invited guests; no one objected. The Chair explained that the SC would ask questions of a guest, but would vote on the proposal later in the meeting. Guests were told that they were welcome to stay for the duration of the meeting, or to depart after SC were finished asking questions about the proposal.

All guests and SC members introduced themselves.

1. Minutes and Announcements

The Chair reported that the minutes were not ready for review, and that no absences were reported. Turning to announcements, the Chair reported that one of the email solicitations for academic area advisory committees (AAAC) resulted in a comment by a faculty member expressing concern that (in the faculty member's opinion) several members of AAAC were not among the most active scholars at the University of Kentucky. The Chair also reminded SC members of the lunch with President Todd on Friday.

2. [Rule Waiver Request for Student \(WE-96\)](#)

SC members discussed the request to waive *Senate Rules 5.3.1.1* ("Repeat Option") for a student not currently enrolled at UK. There was brief discussion

Jensen **moved** to waive *SR 5.3.1.1* for student WE-96 and Chappell **seconded**. There being no further comments, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. [New Graduate Certificate in Global Health](#)

The Chair invited Claudia Hopenhayn, from the Department of Epidemiology, to share information about the proposal. Guest Hopenhayn did so, and answered a few questions from SC members. Wood suggested some changes to the wording about admission requirements, which Hopenhayn agreed to.

6. [Discussion on Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Tenure](#)

Guests Sue Roberts (Department of Geography), Ryan Kelley (Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Geography) and Vicky Parton (Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Mathematics) explained the matter. Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) proposed doing away with tenure for all future hires, ostensibly for economic reasons and for reasons of efficiency of management. SC members engaged in a lively discussion with the guests, after which the Chair thanked the guests for attending, and they departed.

#### 5. [New Program: BA Gender and Women's Studies](#)

Guest Phil Harling, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, began by explaining that the proposal for a Bachelor of Arts degree has the full support of the dean's office and that he was confident that sufficient resources were in place.

Wood thanked both Dean Harling and Professor Bordo for submitting additional information illustrating that there was a sufficient number of FTEs to cover the teaching load.

Steiner **moved** to approve the proposal for a new BA in Gender and Women's Studies and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Anderson **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 4. [Change to Graduation Standards: BS in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles](#)

The Chair noted that no one was available to present the proposed changes, but SC members were free to discuss the proposal. It became evident that there was some concern about the proposed change to the graduation requirements.

Wood **moved** to table the proposal until a departmental representative could attend and answer questions. Yanarella **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 3. [New Graduate Certificate: Global Health](#)

Chappell **moved** to approve the new Graduate Certificate in Global Health and send it to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Jensen **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 6. [Discussion on Kentucky Community and Technical College System and Tenure](#)

SC members engaged in a lengthy discussion about submitting a resolution to the Senate which would condemn the proposed loss of future tenure track positions at KCTCS, along with the tangential issue of a proposed change in which future KCTCS faculty would not be offered retiree health benefits upon retirement. SC members were generally in favor of such resolutions, so the Chair suggested that a small group be convened to put together an initial draft. Anderson, Jensen and Yanarella volunteered to do so.

#### 7. [Summer School Courses](#)

The Chair invited John Thelin (Education/Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation) to explain his concerns. Guest Thelin said that the recently received guidelines for summer school included a requirement that courses have an enrollment of at least 14 students. Thelin explained that his department did not offer undergraduate degrees and that it would be very difficult to find 14 graduate students to enroll in one course during the summer. He said that a lower number would be far more acceptable and workable.

Thelin and SC members discussed the enrollment minimums, among other aspects of summer school, some of which are listed below.

- A decrease to the enrollment minimum should not affect the faculty member's salary.
- Many other departments would have difficulty finding 14 students to enroll, but due to other, larger undergraduate summer course offerings, smaller numbers of registrants could be accommodated for some courses by using the additional tuition income received from the more-than-14-students courses to offset the less-than 14-students courses.
- Provost's Liaison Greissman suggested that the memo was more what one would call "guidelines" than actual rules.
- Although the Provost had agreed that smaller numbers were appropriate for teacher education courses, those courses were typically at the undergraduate level.
- The summer school strictures were not dependent upon the faculty member's yearly appointment (nine months, 10 months, 11 months or 12 months).
- It is very important for graduate students (especially those not yet at the dissertation stage) to be able to continue their studies during the summer months, otherwise the time to graduation is pushed back substantially.

The Chair thanked those present for a good discussion, and asked Greissman to take the comments to the Provost and return with some additional information; Greissman agreed to do so.

Before turning to the next agenda item, the Chair noted that Chappell had requested a specific informational presentation at a future Senate meeting. Chappell shared that as chair of the Senate's Admissions Advisory Committee, he had learned more about the activities and efforts of UK's advisors and wanted senators to have that information, as well. There was no objection to inviting a representative of the Advising Network to a future Senate meeting.

#### 8. Academic Area Advisory Committees

SC members reviewed the suggested compositions and revised the lists somewhat. SC members concurred with the final proposed compositions.

There being no additional business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned near 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Randall,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Aken, Anderson, Chappell, Ford, Jensen, Kelly, Piascik, Randall, Steiner, Swanson, Tagavi, Wood and Yanarella.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Susan Bordo, Phil Harling, Claudia Hopenhayn, Ryan Kelly, Vicki Partin, Joe Quinn, and Sue Roberts.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, March 10, 2009.