

Senate Council
February 4, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm in 103 Main Building on Monday, February 4, 2013. 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 3:03 pm.

1. Minutes from January 28, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair offered a variety of announcements, including absences for the meeting.

- As a reminder, due to changes to the *Senate Rules (SR)* that were recently approved by the University Senate (Senate), the Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC) no longer reviews graduate-level items unless there is a clinical component.
- Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement G. T. Lineberry appointed an advisory group consisting of several faculty nominated by the SC. The SC Chair is an ex officio member.
- Interim Provost Tim Tracy agreed to the SC's nomination of two faculty members to serve on the new committee on the proposed Science Building.
- The Office of the Provost requested nominations for two faculty members to serve on the Ombud search committee. After brief discussion, SC members identified four faculty members to suggest.
- The Chair asked for guidance as to when planning should begin for the Outstanding Senator Award. Vice Chair Grossman suggested the Senate receive an announcement in March.

2. Committee Reports

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

i. Suspend Admissions to Masters of Science in Nursing

Hippisley explained the proposal to suspend admissions into the Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN). There was discussion regarding whether the MSN should be suspended or deleted. Interim Dean Sharon Lock (guest) and Anderson offered some additional information regarding the desire to suspend admissions, not delete the program.

Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it approve the suspension of admissions into the Master of Science in Nursing. Christ **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair suggested returning to approval of the minutes and there were no objections. She reported that there was one change that was incorporated. There being no further corrections, the minutes from January 28 were **approved** as corrected by **unanimous consent**.

ii. Suspend Admissions to Master of Arts in Library Science

Hippisley explained the proposal to suspend admissions into the Master of Arts in Library Science. Guest Will Buntin (CI/Library and Information Science) added that the department specifically requested a

suspension of admissions, as opposed to deletion of the program. Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it approve the suspension of admissions into the Master of Arts in Library Science. Edwards **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Instructional Communication

Hippisley explained the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Instructional Communication. There were some questions for Guest Deanna Sellnow (CI/Communication). Anderson **moved** that the SC recommend that the Senate approve the establishment of the new Post Graduate Certificate in Instructional Communication. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee – Herman Farrell, Chair

Guest Farrell explained the various parts of the new routing form. There were a variety of questions from SC members. Debski suggested swapping the order of a couple of sections; Farrell said he would send a revised version. Anderson **moved** to endorse the Routing Form for Changes to Academic Organization or Structure of an Educational Unit. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Provost's Council on Metrics Final Report – Hollie Swanson

Swanson offered SC members an overview of the final report from the Provost's Council on Metrics. There were a variety of questions from SC members. SC members planned to ask the Provost a couple of questions when he attends the next SC meeting.

4. Tentative Senate Agenda for February 11, 2013

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda. They agreed to remove one report and switch agenda items four and five.

Grossman **moved** to approve the tentative Senate agenda for February 11, 2013 as amended. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Because all agenda items were addressed, the Chair suggested a couple of discussion items for the remaining time. She asked SC members to share how they, as senators, communicate with their constituents back in the colleges. SC members engaged in a lively discussion of a senator's responsibility regarding communication with constituents. It was generally agreed that each senator has a responsibility to report on Senate activities via emails, reports at faculty meetings, etc.

Grossman then led SC members in a discussion on centers. He offered some suggestions for disincentives that might prevent units from labeling a proposed new center as "administrative," to avoid the additional regulations associated with an "educational" center.

After some discussion, Grossman **moved** that the SC ask the Senate's Research Committee to explore whether to recommend to UK's administration that administrative centers should not be eligible for indirect cost returns. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There was additional discussion. Grossman **withdrew** his motion.

Grossman **moved** that the SC ask the Senate's Research Committee to explore ways that would correctly categorize research centers that are administrative units versus educational units and investigate the incentive structure. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with one opposed.

The Chair then shared information with SC members about a possible future interaction between a handful of Board of Trustees members and members of the University Senate.

There being no further items for discussion, Wasilkowski **moved** to adjourn and Pienkowski **seconded**. SC members voted with their feet and the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Christ, Debski, Edwards, Grossman, Hippiisley, Pienkowski, Swanson, Wasilkowski and Watt.

Invited guests present: Will Buntin, Davy Jones, Sharon Lock and Deanna Sellnow.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.