

Senate Council
February 5, 2018

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 5, 2018 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 Katherine M. McCormick called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

The Chair noted that there had been three revisions to agenda items and the removal of one item. She said the revisions were fairly small and asked if there were any objections to the changes. There were no objections from SC members.

1. Minutes from January 29, 2018 and Announcements

The Chair said that no edits had been received. There being **no objections**, the minutes from January 29 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair had two announcements. She said that Provost David Blackwell identified five nominees from the list of 20 that were sent forward as possible nominees to serve on the conceptual teams for financial stability. The Chair also said that Provost Blackwell shared with the Chair and with associate deans his priorities for the next six months. In response to a question from Tagavi, the Chair said that it was okay to share the handout with others.

2. Old Business

a. Senate Committee on Distance Learning and eLearning (SCDLeL) – Roger Brown, Chair

i. Proposed Changes to: *Senate Rule 5.1.8.3* ("Permissive Withdrawal"); *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2* ("Excused Absences"); and *Senate Rule 9.1* ("Glossary of Terms")

Guest Roger Brown (AG/Agricultural Economics), chair of the Senate Committee on Distance Learning and eLearning (SCDLeL), explained that the proposal had been reviewed by SC in November but had been returned to the SCDLeL because SC members wanted to see a definition of "required interaction." The **motion** from the SCDLeL was a recommendation to approve the proposed changes to: *Senate Rule 5.1.8.3* ("Permissive Withdrawal"); *Senate Rule 5.2.4.2* ("Excused Absences"); and *Senate Rule 9.1* ("Glossary of Terms"). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required.

Brown said that over the weekend, he received a suggestion that the definition also be inserted into the section on permissive withdrawals, which he accepted as a friendly amendment, on behalf of the SCDLeL. SC members discussed the proposal. During discussion, Brown accepted (as a friendly amendment, on behalf of the SCDLeL) the suggestion to add the full definition of "required interaction" wherever that phrase was used.

As discussion wound down, Wood noted that the SREC needed to review the proposal so it could officially add the SREC interpretation of what constituted a "required interaction" [already in the proposal as an asterisked note]. There being no additional comments, a **vote** was taken and the motion (including the friendly amendment to add the full definition to all references to "required interaction") **passed** with none opposed.

b. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – Kaveh Tagavi, SREC Member

i. Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.2.A.3* ("University Senate Council," "Elected Faculty Membership," "Election")

Tagavi, a member of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), explained that the proposal had been presented to SC before but had been returned to the SREC for additional revisions. There were no comments or questions from SC members. The **motion** from the SREC was a recommendation to approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.2.A.3* ("University Senate Council," "Elected Faculty Membership," "Election"). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Degree Recipients

a. May 2017 In Memoriam Honorary Degree Recipient

i. College of Medicine Student

Guest Andrew Hoellein (ME/Internal Medicine), associate dean for student affairs, explained that one of his medical students passed away about six months ago. At the time of his passing, Dr. Nathan Krauss was enrolled in a dual degree program with the College of Dentistry. Dr. Krauss had already earned his DMD and was pursuing his MD. Hoellein explained that the Dr. Krauss's wife was made an honorary member of his class in May 2017. He said that his classmates wanted to take the process further and award him an In Memoriam degree.

After discussion, Wood **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC approve Dr. Nathan Krauss 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.

b. Late Additions to May 2017 Degree List (per *Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2*)

i. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (May 2017 Degree List) for College of Communication and Information Student RT-61: Bestow BS in Communication and Rescind BS with Double Major in Communication (primary) and Sociology (secondary)

Guest Suanne Early, director of student affairs in the College of Communication and Information, explained the request. There were a number of comments and questions from SC members. During discussion, Cross **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC amend the December 2017 degree list for College of Communication and Information student RT-61 by conferring the BS Communication (single major) and rescinding the BS with a Double Major in Communication (primary) and Sociology (secondary), for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Brion **seconded**. There was additional discussion.

The Chair reminded those present that only the elected faculty members were allowed to vote on degree-list related agenda items. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with two opposed and five in favor.

c. Late Additions to Early August 2017 Degree List (per *Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2*)

i. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (Early August 2017 Degree List) for Graduate School Student TA-71: Bestow PhD Education and Counseling Psychology – Educational Psychology and Rescind PhD Education and Counseling Psychology - Counseling Psychology

Guest Cleo Price, assistant dean for graduate academic services in the Graduate School, explained the request. Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC amend the early August 2017 degree list for Graduate School student TA-71 by conferring the PhD Education and Counseling Psychology – Educational Psychology and rescinding the PhD Education and Counseling Psychology - Counseling Psychology, for submission through the President to the Board of Trustees. Schroeder **seconded**. There were brief comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

d. Late Additions to December 2017 Degree List (per *Senate Rules 5.4.1.1.D.1-2*)

ii. Motion to Add to December 2017 Degree List: College of Arts and Sciences Student BJ-32

Guest Ruth Beattie (AS/Biology, associate dean for advising) explained the request. Schroeder moved that the elected faculty members of SC amend the December 2017 degree list by adding the BA Psychology for student BJ-32 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2017. Wood **seconded**. Grossman asked a series of questions about what entity was advising the student. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

i. Motion to Add to December 2017 Degree List: College of Arts and Sciences Student CM-33

Beattie explained the request. Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC amend the December 2017 degree list by adding the BA Geological Sciences for student CM-33 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2017. Schroeder **seconded**. Grossman asked a series of questions pertaining to the online deadline to apply to graduate versus the paper deadline promulgated by the College of Arts and Sciences. Beattie and Grossman discussed the deadlines and Grossman suggested that because the College of Arts and Sciences put through the proposal that pushed degree applications into the prior semester, the SC might look very favorably at a proposal from the College to change the deadlines so they deadlines occur during the semester in which a student planned to graduate. When discussion ceased, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. ~~Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (December 2017 Degree List) for College of Arts and Sciences Student CT-81: Bestow Bachelor of Liberal Studies and Rescind Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies~~ Motion to Add to December 2017 Degree List: College of Arts and Sciences Student CT-81

iv. ~~Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (December 2017 Degree List) for College of Arts and Sciences Student NM-03: Bestow Bachelor of Liberal Studies and Rescind Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies~~ Motion to Add to December 2017 Degree List: College of Arts and Sciences Student NM-03

Beattie explained the requests for students CT-81 and NM-03 because the same error captured both students. She explained that the requested action for SC to take had changed because after the certification process was complete with the Registrar's office, the degrees were not certified and therefore did not need to be rescinded. Brion **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC amend the December 2017 degree list by adding the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree for the two College of Arts and Sciences students CT-81 and NM-03 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2017. Schroeder **seconded**. There was no discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

v. ~~Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (December 2017 Degree List) for College of Arts and Sciences Student LH-90: Bestow Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences and Rescind Bachelor of Science in Geology~~ Motion to Add to December 2017 Degree List: College of Arts and Sciences Student LH-90

Beattie explained the request for student LH-90 and explained that for this student, too, the requested action for SC to take had changed because after the certification process was complete with the Registrar's office, the degrees were not certified and therefore did not need to be rescinded. Grossman **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC amend the December 2017 degree list by adding the BS Geological Sciences degree for College of Arts and Sciences student LH-90 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2017. Schroeder **seconded**. There were a number of questions from SC members regarding a department requiring

students to graduate with the current name of a major when the major changed after the students were enrolled into the program. Beattie confirmed for Tagavi that the student desired the new name. Guest Annie Davis Weber, assistant provost for strategic planning and institutional effectiveness, clarified that it was not standard UK practice to force a student to accept anything about a change to a degree program. She said that it appeared to be a departmental decision and that the student appeared to agree with the departmental decision. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

vi. Motion to Add to December 2017 Degree List: College of Health Sciences Student PM-01

Guest Randa Remer (assistant dean of student affairs in the College of Health Sciences) explained the request. Schroeder **moved** that the elected faculty members of SC amend the December 2017 degree list by adding the requested degree for College of Health Sciences student PM-01 and recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees that the degree be awarded effective December 2017. Cross **seconded**.

SC members discussed the request at length, periodically asking for input from invited guests (Marcy Deaton, senior associate general counsel; Kim Taylor, registrar; and Annie Davis Weber, assistant provost for strategic planning and institutional effectiveness). Taylor explained that she contacted her counterpart at the student's prior undergraduate institution to determine if the student might be awarded the undergraduate degree from that institution, but that institution explained that there was no transfer agreement in place and that in addition, the student did not meet the requirements for a degree from that institution. Deaton opined that the situation included a potential legal problem, in that the information that had been posted on the Physical Therapy website, as well as the advising the student received, could be construed as an implied contract. Weber commented that UK has dual responsibilities under its accreditation standards. UK does have rules that it must follow, but there is also an obligation that UK be accurate and transparent in what UK advertises. Weber suggested that the dual responsibilities offered an equally compelling reason to allow the student to graduate with the requested degree. She added that UK's accreditation would not be jeopardized if UK recognized it made a mistake and worked to correct it.

SC members expressed substantial concern that it would be inappropriate to award the requested degree to the student if it was not clear that the degree had actually been earned, regardless of other implications. A question arose during discussion about the language in Senate Rules 5.4.1 ("Residence Requirements"). It became apparent that the current language did not express the intent of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) when the SREC last reviewed that language. SC members offered alternate suggestions, such as suggesting the student continue their undergraduate work via additional classes or pursuit of an undergraduate degree from the student's prior undergraduate institution. Deaton stated that while both suggestions might be feasible, they still would not address the fact that the student was promised that they would be awarded an undergraduate degree from UK. In response to a question about the possibility that the problem existed for additional students, Remer-Eskridge explained that there were two such students. She and the relevant program faculty were looking into solutions for those students that would not involve asking for special permission from SC and Senate. There was additional discussion. Cross **withdrew** his second. The Chair solicited a seconder for the motion to approve the addition of the student to the December 2017 degree list. Grossman said he would serve as a **second** but only on the condition that College of Health Sciences Dean Scott Lephart waived both requirements in *SR 5.4.1.B*. Remer-Eskridge stated that she had been in contact with Dean Lephart and that she was confident that he would approve such a waiver. There was additional discussion. In response to a question from Grossman about the solutions that Remer-Eskridge was

looking into for those two students, she stated that they might be able to develop a 3 + 3 program with those students' prior undergraduate institutions so that the undergraduate degree would be awarded from those institutions, not from UK. Grossman suggested that Remer-Eskridge alert both students to the impending issue as quickly as possible. SC members who were also members of the SREC indicated that they would meet quickly to review the wording of SR 5.4.1.

The Chair referred to the extensive discussion and suggested that a vote was appropriate, noting that the motion was contingent upon College of Health Sciences Dean Scott Lephart waiving both requirements in *SR 5.4.1.B*. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with five in favor, one opposed, and one abstained.

The Chair noted that it was nearly five o'clock, but said that there were still additional agenda items to be reviewed. Schroeder agreed to skip the agenda item on professional degree programs and move to the items for which invited guests were waiting. There were no objections from SC members.

4. Committee Reports

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

ii. Proposed New MFA in Curatorial Studies

Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. The **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MFA in Curatorial Studies, in the School of Arts and Visual Studies within the College of Fine Arts. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required.

Wood asked about the expected low enrollment and suggestions from the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) regarding minimum annual enrollments. Schroeder said that Annie Davis Weber, UK's liaison to the CPE, regularly attends SAPC meetings and that she had not raised any such issue. Wood indicated that she did not want her query to delay the proposal's review. Guest Anna Brzyski (FA/Art and Visual Studies) explained that they were conservative in their enrollment estimates. The **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MFA in Curatorial Studies, in the School of Arts and Visual Studies within the College of Fine Arts. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Proposed New MS in Urban and Environmental Design

Schroeder explained the proposal. There were a few questions from SC members, including another query about the number of enrolled students. The **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that that the University Senate approve, for submission to the Board of Trustees, the establishment of a new MS in Urban and Environmental Design within the College of Design. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were a few questions from SC members. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair noted the return of Guest Annie Davis Weber, assistant provost for strategic planning and institutional effectiveness and UK's liaison to the CPE. Weber said that she was unaware of any mention of enrollment numbers in the CPE's new program policy document. She added that forms are submitted to the CPE after every program review and the CPE does submit comments for which responses are required. The CPE's comments are generally along the lines of "please explain the low enrollment" but

in her experience, the CPE did not seek to close programs with low enrollment, only find out more about them.

The Chair noted that the intended review of the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing was postponed until the next meeting because the contact person could not attend the day's meeting.

iv. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management

Schroeder explained the proposal. The **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation that the University Senate approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management, in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration within the Graduate School. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There were a few comments from SC members. Tagavi asked about correcting a typo and a reference to a transcript on the form that was unclear; Ms. Brothers said she would make those corrections. There being no further comments, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Due to the time, the Chair suggested that SC members review the tentative Senate agenda.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for February 12, 2018

Ms. Brothers explained that the BS Civil Engineering should be removed because the committee chair requested that it be held over until the March Senate meeting so that the Senate could review a number of similar proposals all at once. The item on professional programs and the proposed Graduate Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing needed to be removed due to not being reviewed at the day's SC meeting. Also, three of the degree list-related motions from the College of Arts and Sciences were modified to reflect that the request was to add the students to the December 2017 degree list, not rescind an incorrect degree and confer a correct degree. There were no objections to those changes.

SC members opined that there was time to review the two remaining action items.

4. Committee Reports

b. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) – Roger Brown, SREC Member

i. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.A (“Officers of the Senate Council,” “Senate Council Chair”)

Guest Roger Brown, a member of the SREC, explained the proposed changes. In response to a question from Schroeder, Brown clarified that rather than enshrine the process approved by SC in December, SC would be the body that decided the specific process by which a majority vote would be conducted. There was no intent that the SC hold one vote, but rather the intent was to give SC the opportunity, through the end of the month of December, to elect its chair. If by the end of December SC was unable to elect a chair by simple majority, the decision would be sent to the Senate for a vote, in which a chair would be selected by plurality. Wood added that by limiting SC's efforts to the month of December, it ensured that the members voting in the election would be existing SC members, not newly elected SC members at the very beginning of their three-year term.

The **motion** from the SREC was a recommendation to approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.A* (“Officers of the Senate Council,” “Senate Council Chair”). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.B (“Officers of the Senate Council,” “Senate Council Vice Chair”)

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Brown explained the proposed changes. There were a few questions from SC members. The **motion** from the SREC was a recommendation to approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.B* (“Officers of the Senate Council,” “Senate Council Vice Chair”). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Given the time, SC members agreed to adjourn at 5:09 pm. Schroeder **moved** to adjourn and Brion **seconded**.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Brion, Childress, Cross, Grossman, McCormick, Marr, Osterhage, Schroeder, Spear, Tagavi, and Wood.

Invited guests present: Ruth Beattie, Roger Brown, Marcy Deaton, Suanne Early, Andrew Hoellein, Miriam Kienle, Cleo Price, Randa Remer-Eskridge, Brent Sturlaugson, Kim Taylor, Gena Toma, and Annie Davis Weber.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, February 7, 2018.