

Senate Council
January 23, 2012

The Senate Council met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 3 pm in 103 Main Building. Below is a record of what transpired. All votes were taken via a show of hands unless indicated otherwise.

Chair Hollie I. Swanson called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

1. Minutes from January 9 and Announcements

The Chair offered a variety of announcements.

Until her retirement in fall 2011, Professor Lois Chan served as the University Marshal; she led the formal processional in all University events (investitures, commencements, etc.). A new University Marshall needs to be identified. There was discussion among SC members about the most appropriate faculty member, or most appropriate mechanism to select a faculty member, to serve as the University Marshall. After a variety of suggestions, SC members agreed on Debski's suggestion to ask recipients of the Provost Awards for Outstanding Teaching to serve as University Marshall.

Debski **moved** that the University Marshall be selected from the pool of awardees of the Provost Awards for Outstanding Teaching and Grossman **seconded**. Brion **offered a friendly amendment** that "University Marshall" be changed from the singular to the plural. Both Debski and Grossman **agreed**.

There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken on the **motion** that the University Marshalls be selected from the pool of awardees of the Provost Awards for Outstanding Teaching. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair reported that she approved the inclusion of two students on UK's December 2011 degree list (BS Equine Science and Management and PhD in Animal Sciences).

The Chair circulated some names to via the SC listserv as possible faculty representatives on the President's budget committee, to replace a faculty member who has recently taken on an administrative assignment. She said she will send additional names upon receipt from the new faculty administrator to the SC prior to contacting them.

Regarding the visit from Board of Trustees' Chair Britt Brockman, the Chair said she would continue to solicit questions from SC members.

SC members talked about a variety of issues:

- The President's budget committee and its investigation of zero-based budgeting.
- The Senate's Institutional Finance and Resource Allocation Committee and its intent to hold informational forums for faculty and staff.
- How various units are addressing the likely funding cuts from the state and the possible benefits of working with the endowed professors group and faculty councils to work together to mitigate negative effects. An email communication from administration has suggested that units be prepared for a 6% cut to next year's budget.

2. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – Raphael Finkel, Chair

i. Proposal to Change BS in Community Communications and Leadership Development

Guest Raphael Finkel, chair of the SAASC, started to explain the proposal by addressing the proposed pre-major admissions requirements of a C for 10 hours of coursework. This led to extensive discussion among SC members; there were some strong concerns that such requirements could negatively affect programs without such requirements. Finkel then finished his summary of the program changes.

ii. Proposal to Change Minor in Community Communications and Leadership Development

Finkel briefly explained the proposed changes to the proposal.

The Chair confirmed with Finkel that the **motion** from the SAASC to approve the proposed changes to the BS and Minor in Community Communications and Leadership Development came with a positive recommendation. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with seven in favor and two opposed.

Davis asked that the SC have a discussion on admission requirements for programs in the near future. **[AI]**.

2. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee – Davy Jones, Chair

i. SREC Recommendation on Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 3.1.0*

Jones explained the SREC's recommendations and answered questions from SC members. He noted that the **motion** from the SREC was that the University Senate approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 3.1.0*. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. SREC Recommendation on Select 800- and 900-Level Courses

Jones explained the SREC's recommendations. Jones said that the **motion** from the SREC was that the degree programs which currently use the 800-900 professional program course numbers series, but which do not meet the recently changed definition by SACS/CPE for professional degree programs, process through the Senate "minor changes" procedure changes of their course numbers into the appropriate number series, with a goal that the changes will be effective fall semester 2013.

Jones confirmed for the Chair that he would ensure the three programs affected will be notified. Debski asked that the motion be reworded for increased clarity prior to presentation to the Senate and Jones agreed. There being no discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

3. Financial Disclosure Discussion – Provost Kumble Subbaswamy

Those present introduced themselves. Provost Subbaswamy began his presentation on the new financial disclosure regulations. SC members asked many, many questions about the first bullet on the first slide. The Provost did finish his presentation. There was a lot of discussion among SC members and guests throughout the presentation.

SC members expressed a variety of concerns about the proposed new regulation and associated requirements. It was clear, however, that the changes being proposed are a result of federal requirements. There was also discussion about how and when to present the regulation to the Senate. Wasilkowski **moved** that the SC endorse the financial disclosure principles and Davis **seconded**. There

was additional discussion about other ways to present the information. A **vote** was taken and the motion **failed** with four in favor and five opposed.

Grossman suggested that the SC place the principles on the Senate agenda for February and present them to the Senate, noting that the actual *Administrative Regulation* will be presented to the Senate at a later date, for a vote to endorse. Wood added that the agenda item will be for discussion only.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm. [The Action Items are a part of the minutes, but fall at the end.]

Respectfully submitted by Hollie I. Swanson,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: SC members: Anderson, Brion, Coyne, Davis, Debski, Grossman, McCormick, Wasilkowski, Wimberly and Wood.

Provost's Liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Lee Blonder, Marcy Deaton, Lynda Feist-Price Raphael Finkel, Davy Jones, Richard Maurer, Kumble Subbaswamy, Jim Tracy, Kaveh Tagavi, Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, January 26, 2012.

#	√	Item	Responsibility	Completed
20.		Charge Senate's Academic Programs Committee with creating processes for substantive change issues (teach-out, contractual/consortium process, off-campus sites, how to reopen a suspended program). (8/23/10)	SC	
31.		Ask the Provost to submit a statement of financial and administrative feasibility for proposals prior to the proposals being sent to cmte. (10/4/10)	Document Handling System	
40.		Draft changes to <i>Senate Rule</i> language on Senate meeting attendance policies for review by SC. (8/30/10 & 11/15/10)	Chair, Steiner	
42.		Discuss with the Provost the method of allocating resources from distance learning courses. (11/15/10)	Chair	
44.		Create ad hoc committee (perhaps with VPR and Provost) to look at what constitutes an administrative or an educational unit, and if there is a continuum or a sharp difference. (11/22/10; 12/6/10)	Chair, SC	
46.		Discuss election of officers, specifically who is eligible to cast votes. (12/6/10); Solicit opinions from the Senate. (2/28/11)	SC	9/2011 &
57.		Look into creating a Senate committee on assessment. (1/31/11)	SC	
62.		Determine how to address the issue of the proportionate representation of appointed Board of Trustees members. (2/7/11)	SC	
66.		Invite Associate Provost for Undergrad Ed to offer "State of Undergraduate Education" address to Senate. (2/21/11)	Chair	

67.	Invite Associate Provost for Academic Affairs to share information and talk about distance learning courses. (2/21/2011)	Mrs. Brothers	
73.	Ask each college dean's office to submit information about their faculty council, as part of the SACS reaccreditation effort. (6/15/11)	Chair	
76.	Develop metrics for faculty input into president's performance during August Advance. (6/15/11)	SC	
77.	Draft a report on the perceptions of the faculty reps on the Presidential Search Committee on the process, and include relevant info from similar universities' recent presidential searches. (6/15/11)	Chair & Steiner	
81.	Meet with each college's faculty council in the fall, and also reinforce the importance of identifying a senator to communicate with college faculty. (6/15/11)	Chair	
82.	Request that the chair of the Senate's Academic Facilities Cmte be invited to attend meetings of the Capital Planning Advisory Group. (6/15/11)	Chair	
85.	Find out if the Senate has an approving or endorsing vote on proposed changes to post-tenure review policies.	Chair	
86.	Determine by late August the message(s) the Chair should relay when she visits college faculty councils.	SC	
89.	Ask the President to hire an outside agency to review the Office of the Senate Council, specifically procedures and staffing levels. (8/5/11)	Chair	
90.	Post Senate cmte final reports on their websites. (8/22/11)	Mrs. Brothers	
91.	Ask the President to nominate a faculty representative to the SEC/NCAA from a list of names forwarded to the President from the Chair of the Senate Council.	Chair	
94.	ask the Provost examine the possibility of consolidating all registrar positions into the University Registrar's office, and report his decision and rational to the SC. (9/26/11)	Chair	
95.	Post the slides from the October Senate meeting's QEP presentation, along with the other presentations. (10/24/11).	Mrs. Brothers	
96.	Seek final resolution on UAB jurisdiction questions through a meeting with Legal Counsel and the Provost's Office. (11/7/11)	Chair & Mrs. Brothers	
97.	Ask SREC to deliberate on changing SR so that an appeal to the SACPT must be completely submitted within 75 days. (11/7/11)	Mrs. Brothers & SREC	
98.	Send proposal to move Appalachian Center to SAOSC for review. (11/21/11)	Mrs. Brothers	
99.	Host panel discussion on responsible cost management with knowledgeable staff and faculty. (11/21/11)	SC	
100.	Identify mechanism to select senator to represent University Senate on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. (11/28/11)	SC	
101.	Discuss with IT the possibility of equipping the Auditorium of W. T. Young Library with the technology to record and live stream events. (11/21/11)	Chair	
102.	Hold discussion on admissions requirements for undergraduate programs. (1/23/2012)	Chair	