

Senate Council  
March 25, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 25, 2013 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 Lee X. Blonder called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

1. Minutes from March 4, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair said there were no corrections submitted, so the minutes from March 4, 2013 stood **approved** as distributed. There were a couple of absences to report. The Chair then asked SC members to offer their impressions of the March 18 Senate meeting. There were no strong opinions about the Senate meeting, but there were a few thoughts: the same statements from the administration, at least during the first half of the meeting, were similar to past updates; the meeting went smoothly, indicating a good rhythm after the SC reviews and addresses the oddities of some proposals; the Senate may need to address MOOCs (massive open online courses) and how those courses count for credit.

The Chair commented that the SC does have an ad hoc committee on distance learning; the chair of that committee is also on the Coursera workgroup. MOOCs might be a possible topic for the SC's retreat.

The Employee Benefits Committee (EBC) is in need of a SC liaison; the Chair read the description of EBC membership from *Administrative Regulations 3:13*. SC members suggested the Chair contact a couple of former faculty members who served on the EBC, to see if they were interested or had suggestions.

The Chair replied to an email to members of the Board of Trustees, to clarify the nature of comments made during the SC's chat with Board Chair E. Britt Brockman. There was some discussion about finding mechanisms to better coordinate SC efforts and those of the faculty trustees. SC members suggested additional coordination to better promote faculty concerns.

Those present introduced themselves, including guests Amy Spriggs and Melinda Ault from the College of Education.

2. Old Business

a. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders

The Chair recapped that the SC had raised four issues with the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders: identifying the faculty of record; clarifying the duration, and the assessments used, during the summer institute; and the learning objectives. Spriggs and Ault explained the revisions and answered questions from SC members. The Chair asked Guest J. S. Butler, Senate parliamentarian, if the motion from the last SC meeting should be the motion presented to the Senate now that revisions had been made. Butler said the motion was indeed the same, if the intent had not changed. Christ **moved** to recommend to the Senate the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Department of Early Childhood, Special Education, and Rehabilitation Counseling, within the College of Education. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The Chair asked Spriggs and Ault to attend the April 8 Senate meeting if at all possible.

### b. Proposed Changes to the College of Communication and Information Undergraduate Major Entrance Requirements

The Chair explained that the motion from the March 4 meeting was to table the proposal until it included language showing changes to the *Senate Rules*. Guest Beth Barnes (CI/School of Journalism and Telecommunications) noted that two additional changes were inserted (updated a degree name as well as existing UK Core courses), which were previously approved by the Senate but never codified. There were no questions. Wood **moved** to send the proposed changes to the College of Communication and Information Undergraduate Major Entrance Requirements to the Senate with a positive recommendation, effective immediately. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair suggested the SC move to committee reports since there were invited guests waiting. There were no objections.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### a. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) – Andrew Hippisley, Chair

##### i. Proposed New Minor in Journalism Studies

Hippisley explained the proposal, noting that the faculty of record will be the same as the faculty of record for the major in Journalism. The motion from the SAPC was to recommend the University Senate approve the establishment of a new undergraduate minor in Journalism Studies, in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications, within the College of Communication and Information.

Wood **moved** to send the proposal for a new Minor in Journalism Studies to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### ii. Proposed New Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

Hippisley explained the proposed new Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) and said it was one of the most detailed and well-organized proposals the SAPC has seen recently. Brion asked about the number of credit hours for the practicum that will be taken over the four-week term or eight-week session. Guest Francis Bailey (AS/Modern and Classical Languages, Literature and Cultures) explained that the practicum requires 90 hours of teaching, which could be spread out over multiple semesters and terms/sessions, and follows a period of student observations. Wood suggested that the internship be changed to variable credit.

Wood raised the issue of graduate faculty for the proposed new degree, if it is to reside in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literature and Cultures (MCLLC). Her concern was that there is not one single MCLLC graduate faculty, but rather there are multiple graduate faculties (German, French, etc.) that make up MCLLC. There were multiple comments on how to resolve the issue. Hippisley commented that if the proposal does not make it to the April Senate meeting, it will not be reviewed by other required bodies in time for a fall 2013 effective date.

There was additional discussion among SC members about identifying the faculty of record. The Chair suggested that Bailey work with Graduate School Dean Jeannine Blackwell about creating a secondary faculty appointment for the faculty who will serve as the faculty of record for the proposed new Master of Arts in TESL. Swanson asked if the Senate had determined a faculty of record for the Graduate Certificate in TESL that the Senate approved on March 18. The Chair said she would make an announcement to the Senate in April to clarify that the faculty of record for the TESL graduate certificate

and Master of Arts degree will be the same. Bailey said he would return to the SC the following week with a revised proposal.

iii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Power and Energy

Hippisley explained the proposal for a new Graduate Certificate in Power and Energy. Guest Yuan Liao (EN/Electrical and Computer Engineering) was present to answer questions. A similar issue regarding faculty of record was raised – the proposal did not explicitly outline how members of the faculty of record will be added or removed. Wood voiced concern that the SC was setting a precedent if it approved graduate certificate that is tied to a college for which it does not have an associated graduate faculty. Hippisley commented that the Senate Rules say to treat graduate certificates like programs. After some time, it was determined that Liao only needed to include additional details on the faculty of record (explaining how to add and remove faculty) and could return with a revised version the following Monday.

4. Area and Advisory Committees

SC members reviewed nomination and self-nominations for the seven academic area advisory committees, as well as for the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure; the Senate Hearing Panel on Privilege and Tenure; the Senate Advisory Committee on the Faculty Code; the University Joint Committee on Honorary Degrees; Research Conflict of Interest Committee; and the University Appeals Board.

2. Old Business

c. President's Evaluation by the Faculty

This item was deferred to the next Senate Council meeting due to time constraints.

d. Update on Graduate Student Housing Appeals Committee

Debski gave a brief overview of the graduate student housing appeals committee process and outcomes. She noted that the administration is in negotiations with landlords in the community to arrange housing for some of the displaced students and postdocs.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,  
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Anderson, Blonder, Brion, Christ, Debski, Edwards, Pienkowski, Swanson, Wasilkowski, Wood and Wright.

Invited guests present: Melinda Ault, Francis Bailey, Beth Barnes, Yuan Liao and Amy Spriggs.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Wednesday, March 27, 2013.