

Senate Council
March 4, 2013

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 4, 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 3:01 pm.

1. Minutes from February 25, 2013 and Announcements

The Chair reported that there were no corrections to the minutes. Therefore, the minutes from March 4, 2013 were **approved** as distributed by **unanimous consent**. The Chair reminded SC members that the proposed changes to *Governing Regulations II* (Board of Trustees Committee structure) were recommended for endorsement by the Senate at the November 5, 2012 SC meeting. The agenda item was pulled from the University Senate (Senate) agenda because it was not yet ready for Senate review. It will be suggested for inclusion in the March Senate agenda. The Chair said she wanted those SC members who were not present to know why they had not seen it.

2. Old Business

a. Clinical Title Series

The Chair recalled that the SC had a discussion on January 14, 2013 about the issues of possible misuse of clinical title series .

She further explained that the SC did not take any action, but planned to discuss the matter at a later date. She asked SC members about their thoughts on how to address the topic. Provost's Liaison Greissman commented that he, Associate Provost for Faculty Advancement G. T. Lineberry and Interim Provost Tim Tracy were in agreement about reopening discussions on faculty title series. Greissman thought it was important to begin discussions prior to the arrival of a permanent provost, so that person would be aware that the discussion was on the table. Associate Provost Lineberry will take the matter up with deans and begin a discussion on all title series, since there were issues of concern in more than one title series. Greissman opined that the issue will be brought to the SC before semester's end, but that due to its complexity, the issue would likely not be resolved until well into the next academic year. Greissman suggested SC take part in such discussions when they develop. There being no objections, the Chair agreed to defer the discussion until such time as Lineberry presents his recommendations to the SC..

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee - Raphael Finkel, Chair

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

Guest Raphael Finkel, chair of the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC), explained the proposal and then answered questions. Grossman said that the language presented in the proposal as current Bulletin language did not match language in the current *Senate Rules (SRI)* about entrance requirements for programs in the College of Communication and Information (CI).

Guest Cathy Hunt, director of student affairs for CI, said she would be happy to send in the proposed revisions to the *Senate Rules* in track changes. There was lengthy discussion regarding how to rectify the discrepancy. In response to a question from the Chair, Finkel stated that the SAASC has a

recommendation that the changes in the proposal should be implemented, but there was no opinion rendered on how that was to be accomplished. Wood suggested the *SR* be updated based on the proposal submitted to the Senate. She **moved** to send the proposal to the Senate with a positive recommendation. Anderson **seconded**. Grossman said he was uncomfortable sending the proposal to the Senate without having the *SR* language. Greissman commented that since the proposal would be effective after the end of the semester, there was no need to hurry. Wood **withdrew** her motion and Anderson concurred. Grossman **moved** to table the proposal until a proposal including proposed *Senate Rules* language is presented to the SC. Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. It was confirmed that the proposal will not return to the SAASC.

ii. Proposed Changes to Admission Requirements for RN-BSN

Finkel explained the proposed changes to the admissions requirements for the RN-BSN degree. Grossman said that the language presented in the proposal (for the RN-BRN) as current Bulletin language did not match language in the current Senate Rules (SRI). Guest Gina Lowry (NU) said that the language matched what was most recently approved by the Senate, so she was not sure what happens to the changes after Senate approval. Grossman suggested she submit changes to *Senate Rules 4.2.2.1.D* based on the language they submitted in the proposal. There were additional questions and answers about the proposal. Wood asked that the proposal be changed to clarify that the 60 hours have to be transferable, not just earned. The Chair noted that multiple revisions had been requested and asked if it should return to the SC. SC members agreed that it should return to the SC.

b. Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) - Andrew Hippisley, Chair

i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language

Hippisley, chair of the SAPC, explained the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language. Hippisley and Guest Francis Bailey (AS/Modern and Classical Languages, Literature and Cultures) answered questions from SC members. The Chair apologized that the *Senate Rules* did not have current language on the requirement for learning outcomes in proposals for new graduate certificates. Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it approve the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language upon inclusion of learning outcomes. Wasilkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed Changes to Governing Regulations I ("The University of Kentucky")

5. Proposed New Governing Regulations XIV ("Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct")

The Chair noted that Marcy Deaton and T. Lynn Williamson (both from Legal Counsel) were present to explain the proposed changes. Guest Williamson described the process by which the proposed changes came to be suggested by the Legal Ethical Workgroup. Guest Deaton then explained the specific changes to *Governing Regulations I*, as well as the different parts of the proposed new *Governing Regulation XIV*. There were a variety of questions and comments from SC members. There were a handful of specific suggestions:

- The language on whistleblowing should be strengthened.
- The proposed new *GR XIV* would benefit from a review by a committee that recently reviewed a fairly high profile case regarding, essentially, ethical behavior.
- The statement about UK aspiring to be a top-twenty institution by 2020 should be edited to remove the reference to "top twenty."
- Training on reporting harassment should incorporate general ethical training.
- The words "without permission" should be removed from *GR XIV.B.16.b.3* or language should be added to clearly refer to plagiarism, if that is the intent of the language.

- The term “relevant” in *GR XIV.B.16.b.3* should be changed to “official.”

The Chair suggested a revised version should be returned to the SC prior to it going to the Senate.

6. Proposed Change to 2012-13 Calendar (Graduate School Request - Remove Reference to May 20 Four-Week Midterm)

The Chair briefly explained the proposed change to the 2012-13 academic calendar. Wood **moved** to approve the proposed change and Brion **seconded**. It was decided that the change was sufficiently minor to not need Senate approval. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. Tentative Senate Agenda for March 18

SC members discussed the proposed Senate agenda for March 18. One item was removed, and several items were reordered. A time limit was proposed for two reports.

Anderson asked if the RN-BSN proposal could be sent to the Senate without coming back to the SC, since it had been delayed. After brief discussion, Grossman **moved** that the SC recommend to the Senate that it adopt the language proposed by the College of Nursing for the University Bulletin into the Senate Rules, with the proviso that Nursing provides an updated statement regarding transferability of credits from foreign institutions. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no additional discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

Wasilkowski **moved** to approve the Senate agenda as revised and Pienkowski **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

8. Other Business

The Chair led a discussion on how to resolve a motion and second made at a previous SC meeting, for which a vote was not taken. Guest J. S. Butler, parliamentarian for the Senate, explained that the motion died when the motion for adjournment passed.

SC members discussed the possibility of chatting with President Eli Capilouto. They asked Ms. Brothers to set up a meeting between the SC and the President. The Chair said that a discussion of the faculty evaluation of the President will be on the agenda for the next SC meeting.

The Chair asked SC members to comment on a recent resolution passed by Western Kentucky University (WKU) asking the Kentucky legislature to improve its funding for WKU. For a variety of reasons, SC members believed that not asking the Senate to support the resolution was the best plan for the present.

There was a discussion about graduate education funding. After discussion, Brion **moved** to create an Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Graduate Education Funding. Wasilkowski **seconded**. There being no further discussion, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. SC members offered suggestions for four possible members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lee X. Blonder,
Senate Council Chair

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

Provost's liaison present: Greissman.

Invited guests present: Francis Bailey, Pat Burkhart, J. S. Butler, Marcy Deaton, Raphael Finkel, Cathy Hunt, Gina Lowry, T. Lynn Williamson and Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.