

Senate Council  
March 5, 2018

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, February 19, 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 3:02 pm. Given the number of guests, the Chair suggested that those present introduce themselves.

1. Provost David Blackwell (3:00 – 3:30)

Provost David Blackwell thanked SC members for the opportunity to meet with them. Provost Blackwell discussed with SC members the topics listed below. There were a variety of questions and comments from SC members.

- Blue Ribbon Committee on Graduate Education's recommendations and steps toward an implementation committee
- Discussion on recommendations from ad hoc Committee on Title Series and discussion on possible next steps for its recommendations
- UK-related budget discussion in Frankfort and plans to maintain the University Press of Kentucky
- UK's five-year financial sustainability process
- Plans to have an associate provost for enrollment management in place by the end of the semester

SC members thanked the Provost for attending and offered him a warm round of applause.

2. Minutes from February 26, 2018 and Announcements

The Chair explained that there were two changes to the minutes from February 26. One was an editorial change but the other was more complicated. She explained that the minutes were factually correct, but that she had erred in her statement that there was not a SC nominee on the Library search committee – there is a SC nominee on that committee. Wood suggested that the SC accept the change as an edit to the minutes. There being **no objections**, the minutes from February 26 were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair shared that Provost Blackwell had shared with her his recommendations for members of a committee to recommend next steps for implementation of the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel. The names recommended by the Provost comprised about half of the members for the implementation committee. It was agreed that the other members (representing Director of Graduate Studies, or "DGS") would be nominated by the SC. The Chair suggested that she send to SC members a list of faculty serving as a DGS to help the SC select a group of nominees from colleges other than those members recommended by the Provost. She suggested that SC's nominees have good, strong experience mentoring graduate students or as researchers employing students as graduate research assistants.

3. Proposed Change to College of Medicine 2018-19 Calendar

Guest Andrew Hoellein (ME/Internal Medicine, associate dean for student affairs), explained that the MD curriculum will change dramatically in June and that the proposed calendar change was a result of

that shift. The original calendar had Thanksgiving break from Wednesday, November 21 through the weekend. With the new changes, Medicine would hold classes on Wednesday and students could be on-call until midnight of the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving, have Thursday and Friday off, and return on Saturday and/or Sunday. There were a few questions from SC members. Bird-Pollan **moved** to approve the proposed changes to the College of Medicine 2018-19 calendar, as presented, and Blonder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair reminded SC members that only two of the items from the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) were ready for SC review.

#### 4. Committee Reports

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

##### i. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Leadership for Deeper Learning [pending receipt of SAPC documentation]

Schroeder, chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC), explained the proposal. There were a few questions from SC members and the two invited guests, John Nash (ED/Educational Leadership Studies) and Justin Bathon (ED/Educational Leadership Studies), participated in the discussion. Wood said the form that was used was not easy to understand. Ms. Brothers indicated that she would welcome a list of the issues from Wood's perspective and could work on them over the summer. There were additional questions.

The Chair stated that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Leadership for Deeper Learning, in the Department of Educational Leadership Studies within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was necessary. There were no additional comments. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

##### ii. Proposed New Graduate Certificate in Instructional Coaching [pending receipt of SAPC documentation]

Schroeder explained the proposal. The two guests from the previous discussion, Nash and Bathon, participated in the SC's discussion. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SAPC was a recommendation to approve the establishment of a new Graduate Certificate in Instructional Coaching, in the Department of Educational Leadership Studies within the College of Education. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was necessary. There was no further discussion; a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

The Chair noted that she received earlier in the day the notes from the two town halls on the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Committee on Graduate Education. She did not think there was sufficient time for SC members to review the notes prior to the meeting, so she suggested the item return to the SC at its next meeting. There were no objections, although SC members engaged in a general conversation about the Committee's recommendations, the town halls, and possible future steps.

There was also brief discussion about the current requirement that only nine credit hours of prior graduate work may be transferred to into a graduate degree. Grossman asserted that given general conversations about credentialing higher education, it might be useful to ask the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) to consider the circumstances under which such a requirement might be changed or waived. Wood suggested that the question would be better asked

after the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Graduate Education were reviewed and future steps were known. SC members discussed this possibility. Grossman **moved** that the SC charge the SAASC to work with the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) and Graduate Council to determine whether changes should be made to current rules and procedures regarding the number of hours from previous graduate work that can be transferred to a master's degree program. Brion **seconded**.

Bird-Pollan commented that the discussion had pertained primarily to the possibility of using graduate certificate coursework credits towards a graduate degree. She offered a **friendly amendment** that the language be modified to clarify that the issue included any graduate work, not just graduate work towards a graduate certificate. Grossman **accepted** that friendly amendment, as did Brion. When discussion wound down, a **vote** was taken on the motion that that the SC charge the SAASC to work with the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (SAPC) and Graduate Council to determine whether changes should be made to current rules and procedures regarding the number of hours of any previous graduate work (post-baccalaureate, graduate certificate, or other types of certificates) that can be transferred to a master's degree program. The motion **passed** with none opposed and one abstained.

#### 6. Tentative Senate Agenda for March 19, 2018

SC members discussed the tentative Senate agenda for March. Ms. Brothers indicated that items 3.a.ii, 3.a.vi, and 3.a.vii were not ready for Senate because they had yet to be reviewed by SC. SC members then discussed the fall break proposal from the Student Government Association (SGA). There were no concerns about the proposal itself, but there was discussion about whether the proposal would require a first reading (discussion only) and a second reading (discussion and vote), or if it only needed one presentation to Senate (discussion and vote). SC members reviewed *Senate Rules 1.2.3* ("Meetings").

Grossman **moved** that the SC put the fall break proposal for discussion at the upcoming Senate meeting. Tagavi **seconded**. There was additional discussion. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with five in favor, three opposed, and one abstained.

Blonder **moved** that the agenda be reordered so that the fall break discussion occur before the presentation by Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration Eric Monday. Grossman **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

A **vote** was taken on the amended agenda and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

#### 7. Items from the Floor (Time Permitting)

The Chair shared that she had discussed with Cross strategies for procedures and that Cross expressed a willingness to form a workgroup to review policies and procedures related to SC and Senate meetings. She said that she invited Bird-Pollan and Tagavi to participate and that they had agreed. She welcomed participation from any other SC members.

Wood **moved** to adjourn and Brion **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine M. McCormick,  
Senate Council Chair

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SC members present: Blonder, Bird-Pollan, Brion, Grossman, McCormick, Osterhage, Marr, Schroeder, Spear, Tagavi, and Wood.

Provost's liaison present: Kirsten Turner.

Invited guests present: Justin Bathon, David Blackwell, Andrew Hoellein, Brent McCarthy, and John Nash.

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