

Senate Council
March 7, 2016

The Senate Council met in regular session at 3 pm on Monday, March 7, 2016 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 Andrew Hippisley called the Senate Council (SC) meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

1. Minutes from February 29, 2016 and Announcements

The Chair reported editorial changes to the minutes from February 29. There being **no objections**, the minutes were **approved** as amended by **unanimous consent**. The Chair had a few announcements.

- The Forum on Public Art will be held on March 21 at 6:30 in the W. T. Young Library Gallery and food will be provided.
- There was a town hall meeting on the proposed new Lewis Honors College which was well attended. Bailey offered comments about the forum and said he thought the proposal would be revised in light of the suggestions given during the town hall.
- The Chair introduced student Elizabeth Foster, who was standing in for the day for Austin Mullen.

The faculty trustees, with a comment from staff trustee Sheila Brothers, offered information about the unconscious bias training that Board of Trustees members participated in during the prior week.

2. Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis

Guests Lisa Cassis, vice president for research and Rodney Andrews, associate vice president for research development, gave a presentation to SC members about current activities and trends in UK's research arena, such as the current research budget, the research strategic plan and associated metrics, and information on which particular units report to the Vice President for Research. There were a variety of questions and comments from SC members and the presentation and answers provided by Cassis and Andrews were well received by SC members.

3. Committee Reports

a. Senate's UK Core Education Committee - Karen Badger, Chair

i. Current Topics

Guests Ben Withers, associate provost for undergraduate education, and Karen Badger, chair of the Senate's UK Core Education Committee (UKCEC), discussed a variety of issues with SC, including the following: proposed assessment plan for UK Core; diversity component in the UK Core Citizenship section (Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA; and Global Dynamics); limiting the number of UK Core major prefix credit hours that can be included in a program's curriculum plan; and UKCEC's opinion on colleges that wish to limit enrollment in courses approved for UK Core. SC members, Withers, and Badger also discussed the issue of transfer students who may have already taken a course elsewhere that on paper could be considered equivalent to a UK Core course; how many Global Dynamics courses are on the books; and how AP credit affects UK Core completion.

The Chair asked that Badger send SC a succinct set of recommendations upon which SC would be obliged to act, noting that the day's discussion served as good preparation for UKCEC's recommendations. Badger and Withers were amenable to that suggestion. The Chair thanked them for their hard work..

b. Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC) - Connie Wood, Chair

i. Proposed Revision to *Senate Rules 1.5.2* ("Election: Two Voting University Faculty Members, Board of Trustees")

Wood, chair of the Senate's Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), explained the proposed changes and there were a few questions from SC members. The Chair said that the **motion** from the SREC was to approve the proposed changes to *Senate Rules 1.5.2* ("Election: Two Voting University Faculty Members, Board of Trustees"). Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. When there were no further comments, a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

ii. Recommendation to Refer Proposed Revision to *Governing Regulations X.A.2.b* ("Regulations Affecting Employment," "Employment of Relatives - Nepotism") to Regulation Review Committee

Wood explained the proposal and the Chair said that the **motion** from the SREC was a recommendation that the SC send the revision to *Senate Rules 1.5.2* ("Election: Two Voting University Faculty Members, Board of Trustees") to the Regulations Committee and urgently request that it review and propose revisions to *GR X.A.2.b* in light of the Attorney General's Opinion OAG15-009. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

iii. Recommendation to Refer *Senate Rules 3.1.0* ("Course Numbering System") and Senate Rules 3.1.1 ("Exceptions") to Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC)

Wood said that instances occurred that caused the SREC to take a close look at SR 3.1.0 and SR 3.1.1 which specifically address the course numbering system. Wood said that these sections of the SRs were nothing close to current practice and that the language likely dated back to the 1970s when students enrolled on paper. She said that the specific issue was that while the sections outlined certain number series for certain groups of students (200-299 for sophomores, 300-399 for juniors, etc.), the University has not operated under those guidelines since 1980 when SIS was implemented. She said she checked with University Registrar Don Witt and the key point of his comments was that it is up to each department to enforce prerequisite checking, which happens every semester. Wood explained that Witt said enforcing the prerequisite status of students for courses (200-299 for sophomores, 300-399 for juniors, etc.) was not consistent. Wood described the existing language in SR 3.1.0 as totally archaic and not part of current processes. SREC thought that any suggestion on their part could be construed as creating policy, so the SREC opted to request that SC send the issue to an appropriate committee.

The Chair said that the information from the SREC specifically requested the matter be sent to the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) – he asked if that was the intent of the motion. Wood confirmed and said that pertinent sections were *SR 3.1.0* and *3.1.1*. Therefore, the **motion** from the SREC was to recommend that the SC refer *SR 3.1.0* and *SR 3.1.1* to SAASC for review and revision of the requirements for enrollment in undergraduate courses. Because the motion came from committee, no **second** was required. There was some discussion among SC members and Ms. Brothers also participated, offering the viewpoint of the Senate Council office. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

4. Proposed Changes to 2016-17 Calendar

The Chair explained the proposed changes to the 2016-17 academic calendar. Porter **moved** to approve the changes and Blonder **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

5. Tentative Senate Agenda for March 21, 2016

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SC members discussed the proposed Senate agenda for March 21, 2016. There were a few comments. Wood **moved** that the SC approve the tentative Senate agenda for March 21, 2016 as an ordered list, with the understanding that items may be rearranged to accommodate guests' schedules and Bailey **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

6. Proposed Charge to Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure and Senate's Advisory Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure

The Chair presented a possible charge to the Senate's Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT) and Senate's Advisory Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure (SACAPT). SC members discussed the wording and agreed upon the wording below.

Meet jointly with Provost Tracy and review UK's current title series system to determine the feasibility of changing to a system such as a system with two title series (tenure-eligible and non-tenure-eligible), with ranks in both series at assistant professor, associate professor, and (full) professor, with the inclusion of multi-year contracts (rolling or not) for faculty in the non-tenure-eligible title series.

Wood **moved** to approve the charge and Schroeder **seconded**. The Chair confirmed he would be present when the meeting took place and Chair Elect Katherine McCormick was happy to accompany him. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

7. 2015-16 Faculty Evaluation of President Capilouto (Time Permitting)

The Chair led SC members in a discussion about conducting the SC-led faculty annual evaluation of President Eli Capilouto. Mazur **moved** to conduct such a survey again and Bailey **seconded**. There was some discussion after which a **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed.

SC members discussed who would be involved in the survey process. Wood said that having lost staff support to professionally format the usual PowerPoint presentation with survey results would take her a week's worth of work. She said she would be happy to assist again, but this time there would not be such an elaborate PowerPoint presentation. Mazur volunteered to help Wood with the process.

Due to the time, the Chair said he would entertain a motion for adjournment. Wood **moved** to adjourn and Mazur **seconded**. A **vote** was taken and the motion **passed** with none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Andrew Hippisley,
Senate Council Chair

SC members present: Bailey, Blonder, Brown, Grossman, Hippisley, Kraemer, McCormick, Mazur, Porter, Schroeder, Wilson, and Wood.

Invited guests present: Rodney Andrews, Karen Badger, Lisa Cassis, Elizabeth Foster, and Ben Withers.

Prepared by Sheila Brothers on Thursday, March 24, 2016.